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Planning for Emergencies in the County

"We all have different risks and we're trying to provide a more co-ordinated response."

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

Since three tornadoes touched down in 2006, causing destruction in their path across the County, emergency measures planners have been working hard to streamline responses at both the municipal and County level. Community Emergency Management Coordinators (CEMC's) have been meeting on a fairly regular basis over the last few months to look at pooling their resources County wide.

On Tuesday Miles Maughan, the CEMC for Dysart et al, hosted a meeting to discuss the media and their role in emergencies. Coincidentally, the meeting was very timely as a flood advisory hit many homes in Minden that same day.

Maughan says that an integral part of the emergency planning process and 'communicating the message' during an incident is the involvement of the media. To that end, representatives from Canoe FM, the County Voice, the Haliburton Echo and Minden Times joined Maughan and the other municipal CEMC's, along with the County's Director of Emergency Services Pat Kennedy and Ernie Hills, Field Officer with Emergency Management On-

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Ernie Hills, Field Officer for Emergency Measures, Ontario, and Miles Maughan, Dysart's Fire Chief and Community Emergency Measures Co-ordinator.

Residents Air their Frustrations Over Review Process

Future of Two Communities' Schools Remains Unknown to PARC and Public

Mark Arike

Staff Reporter

Many of the townspeople of Cardiff and Wilberforce feel like a major rift has been created between their two communities by a Program and Accommodation Review that is currently underway at their elementary schools.

That was just one of the many opinions expressed by the approximately 100 concerned and occasionally agitated members of the public who attended a public consultation meeting in the Cardiff Community Centre last Wednesday evening (April 1st).

Due to declining enrolment at both schools and the future threat of quadruple-grade class sizes, a decision was made by the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) trustees in September of last year to initiate this process. Currently there are 63 students who attend the school in Cardiff and 59 in Wilberforce. Projected enrolment at Cardiff in September is 62, and at Wilberforce 55.

Shortly thereafter, a committee consisting of school representatives, a municipal representative, a businessman, TLDSB trustees and other support staff, and the principal of both schools, Elaine Fournier, was formed.

Known as the Program and Accommodation Review Committee (PARC), the group has met several times since October and has been a part of two previous input meetings held in both communities. So far, the group has produced school valuation framework documents for both schools. These documents take into consideration the value of the school to the student, the school board, the community and the local economy. These documents will be part of the information that

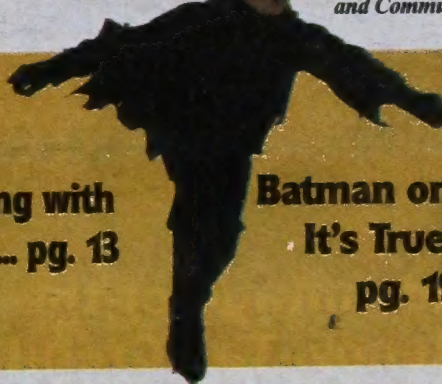
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Harburn Rd. was perhaps the worst off after a 9-foot wide and 100-foot long steel culvert that runs underneath the road gave way, causing half of one lane to collapse. The gaping hole that was created led the roads department to block off the unsafe area. Signs that were posted directed traffic to make a detour in order to get to their destination.

Doug Rae, Director of the Roads Department for the County of Haliburton, said that it could take a week or two to repair the affected area of the road.

"The pipe that broke was 20 years old and was completely rusted out," said Rae in a phone interview with The Voice on Monday. "We had to place an order to get the new pipe."

Rae added that the tremendous flow of water that was travelling through the culvert was a contributing factor to the collapse of the pipe.

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Residents take aim at a sticky target.



Parker Casey prepares to knock down some pins.

Children Welcomed at Extendicare

Tall Oaks Christian Academy Students Entertain Residents and Staff

Residents at Extendicare in Haliburton received a friendly visit from a group of cheerful children this past Tuesday.

The kids, who attend the Tall Oaks Christian Academy private school in Haliburton, decided to venture out to the long-term care facility to play fun games with the residents and bring them goodies like cookies.

"They thought it would be a nice thing to do," said Ashlee Casey, a volunteer with the group.

The Tall Oaks Christian Academy is a school for students in junior kindergarten to Grade 8.



Kiana Laverne (L) and McKinnon Casey (R) get their fish all tied up.

AROUND THE REGION: Chilly weather will be experienced on Thursday as skies will become partly sunny. Highs will be near zero. More clouds than sun will be seen on Friday as highs will be in the lower single digits. More sunshine will be seen this weekend with highs slowly rising through the single digits.

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

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MONDAY

Increasing afternoon clouds
▲ 8° ▼ -3°

TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

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Fredericton	4/-2/cl	5/-3/cl	8/-1/sf	7/-2/sf	6/-2/sf	2/-7/pc	0/-9/pc	Halifax	3/-2/pc	7/2/sh	4/1/mx
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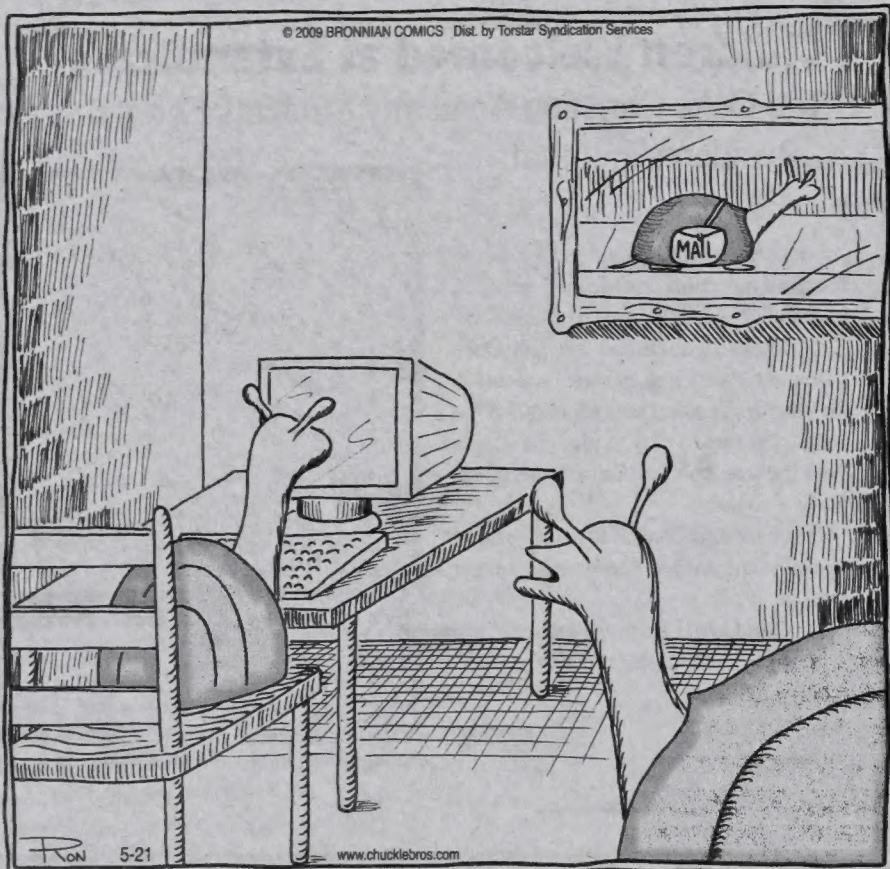
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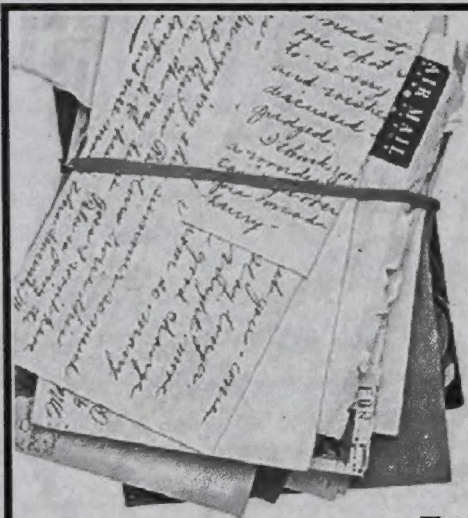
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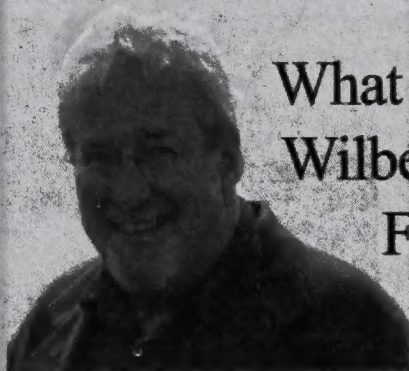
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Editorial VIEWPOINT

by Stephen Patrick



What Price Community? Wilberforce and Cardiff Fight for their Schools

The recent public hearings into the future of the Wilberforce and Cardiff Elementary Schools in Highlands East has sparked some impassioned opinion and has as well sharpened the debate on

the value of local services, and just what it might cost to sustain our communities.

The Trillium Lakeland District School Board (TLDSB) last fall initiated a "Program and Accommodation Review Committee" (PARC) into the situation in Highlands East, due to a declining enrolment at both local schools. The meeting last week, covered in detail by Mark Arike in this issue, showed just how central schools are to a community's very core. Some parents even stated that they would seriously consider packing up and moving away from the area if their schools were closed: the option of bussing their four-year-olds for over two hours a day simply wasn't realistic. But more importantly even, it seemed from submission after submission that the schools and the auxiliary services they provide (like day care, for example) was in fact the central glue that held the communities together. And this vital role, which clearly unites and gives a sense of purpose to the community wasn't in any way seen as the exclusive purview of the immediate school stakeholders, i.e. the parents, teachers, grandparents, etc.. In fact, reaction seemed to suggest that the schools were the central public institution in the two communities, and that their demise would sound a death knell for a healthy future.

It's easy to see why the TLDSB wants to examine the issue: declining school enrolment is a sad fact of rural life. And no one expects any sudden influx of more young families any time soon. But to close these institutions based on this decade's demographics may also be a very short-sighted step. In fact their existence may well prove to be one essential catalyst in any future development. If it's even remotely true that Haliburton County's economic future is not just about tourism, but also about developing the much ballyhooed 'green economy', then small, local schools surely will have a very important role.

The debate should also not be seen as some sentimental attachment to a vanished past. No one is suggesting that we go back to the 1930's, when the lack of transportation and other issues meant that hamlets like Donald, and the now-disappeared settlements of Harburn, say, and Cheddar, all had one-room school houses. Rather, the discussion should be about how we are going to prepare for a future in which the attractiveness of local communities to businesses and families will be strongly linked to the continued existence of high quality public institutions and infrastructure. There is a cost, to be sure, to taxpayers: but that cost surely pales in comparison to the alternative.

Flood Warnings in Minden – Better Late Than Never?

This past Tuesday, April 7th, Minden residents were notified, at the very last minute, by Minden Hills municipal officials that "Parks Canada – Trent Severn Waterway is planning on drawing water from the reservoir lakes north of Minden on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 7th and 8th, 2009, and there is a possibility of severe flooding." Notices to that effect were delivered to mail boxes throughout the town by flier on the morning of April 7th. Some notice! But don't blame Minden Hills. Reeve Jim McMahon, not to mention most town residents, can't understand why the decision to take out dam logs can't be forecast a few days earlier at least. McMahon was only notified of the Parks Canada decision Monday night – and promptly organized officials, including auxiliary OPP members and Minden's firefighters, to be ready to help in whatever way they can should the flood materialize. But surely this is a woefully inadequate system of public information that could someday put hundreds of persons, and their property, at serious risk. ■

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tario to discuss how best to approach getting information out to residents during an emergency.

The other CEMC's in attendance included Doug Schell, Fire Chief in Minden Hills, John Packer, Airport Manager from Algonquin Highlands and Irene Cook, Clerk for Highlands East and her alternate Fire Chief Bill Wingrove.

While it was recognized that the timeliest way to reach the public was through the radio stations, Maughan stressed the importance of using the newspapers to better prepare residents in advance and to report details after an event has occurred.

Maughan said, "People often hear things on the radio, but they aren't paying full attention while others tend to read the paper from cover to cover. The radio stations are particularly helpful during an emergency as people in distress seek information right away, but the papers can be of great assistance before and after an incident."

He said, "It's important to work together and for the media to get accurate and timely information."

The discussion that included a group that is often in stiff competition with each other was informative and very helpful in streamlining public information processes within the County. All of the media representatives were open to receiving faxes, e-mails, telephone calls and conducting interviews both on air and in print; anything that would assist during an emergency.

The Haliburton Echo (and Minden Times) offered the use of their website with its breaking news feature and the Voice offered going to print with special issues should they be required.

There was general agreement by everyone in attendance that 'canned' messages by the Reeves, CEMC's or Public Information Officers from each municipality, made in advance of an emergency and held on file, would be very useful. In the same vein, articles detailing what the public need to know in specific types of emergencies could be prepared and ready for print when required.

Jenn Watt, reporter for the Echo, raised the point that there is often a bit of disconnect between the advertising and editorial departments of a newspaper and that emergency planning information, including copies of ads should always be directed to the editorial department as a heads up that something is afoot.

Roxanne Casey reminded Maughan that if the CEMC's want the public to know what's happening it is always worthwhile to advise the radio stations of ongoing events whether a large scale storm or a small road closure during high water season. She also said that during any disaster Canoe FM would have volunteers on hand around the clock; something that Maughan agreed would be helpful in getting timely information out.

Pat Kennedy advised the group that the County has a public inquiry system with a lot of generic information, including services or facilities that would be available during an emergency. Kennedy said, "We're getting the wrinkles worked out, but every call gets an answer and there is a mechanism for questions coming from municipalities to be transferred through to the County during an emergency."

Kennedy said that the system was used for the first time in Trent Hills last year. The program ran for 14 days and Kennedy said it worked very well.

It was also agreed that Maughan would provide each of the media groups with a listing of Emergency Information Officers (each municipality has an individual appointed to coordinate the dissemination of information to the media and the public). A listing of contacts for each of the municipalities as well as the media groups will also be prepared to everyone knows who to contact. Agreement was also reached on a sharing of information and photos to the greatest extent possible between the CEMC's and the media.

Each of the municipalities has an emergency measures centre, or control centre designated for use during an emergency. While the locations may have to be changed depending on the nature of the emergency at the present time they are the Municipal Office in Dysart et al, the Council Chambers or the Curling Club in Minden Hills (Schell says that depends on how deep the water is), the Council Chambers or Stanhope Community Hall in Algonquin Highlands, the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce and the County's Ambulance Base in Haliburton.

Casey stressed the need to ensure that everyone received the same consistent information to avoid confusion and Kennedy suggested that written messages should include a time to further reduce confusion or duplication. Kennedy also agreed that the County would provide media tags to ensure access to media centres during an emergency.

Kennedy acknowledged that with modern technology information can travel very quickly and Maughan said, "And the wrong information travels just as fast." Maybe faster. This summed up the importance of a coordinated approach to working with the media in getting information out to the public during an emergency.

So if you're in water up to your armpits or you're in the midst of an extraordinary storm, look to your local media for information and guidance. We'll all be working with the specialists who have the experience and knowledge to help. ■

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Wilberforce & Cardiff Fight For Their Schools

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is presented in the PARC's final recommendation to the board of trustees, who ultimately have the final say as to what will happen to the schools.

In the weeks leading up to last Wednesday's meeting, the public was encouraged to submit input to the committee as well as suggest possible scenarios (ideal outcomes) that could be considered. At the recent meeting, PARC members read written input submissions and those who wanted to make their own verbal presentations had the chance to do so. At the consultation, a total of 22 written submissions were received and four verbal presentations were made.

Prior to getting into the written input submissions and presentations, a few points about the process and details as to what has taken place to date were highlighted.

Gail Sherin, Superintendent of Elementary Operations and PARC member, reminded the audience that no decisions have been made by the committee. She also pointed out that these reviews have become quite common at schools across the Province (about 300 schools have been or are going through a review).

"This committee hasn't made any decisions as to what the recommendation will be," said Sherin. "We're still going to listen to input tonight and we will meet in preparation of the May 20th meeting (final public consultation), and hopefully we will have paired down the number of possible scenarios to a more viable number."

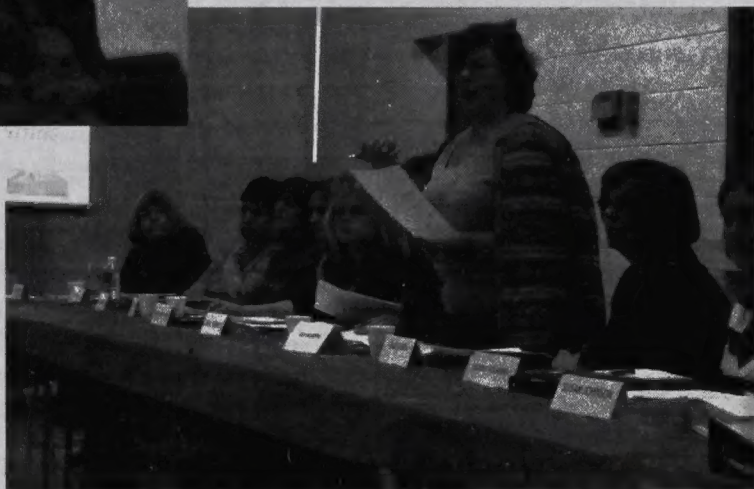
About eight potential scenarios submitted from the public with variations to their suggestions were included at the meeting and were presented in PowerPoint format. A couple of scenarios sug-

gested that one school stay open and the other close, while others proposed to keep both schools open with either the realignment of grades, changes to boundaries/catchment areas or by developing solutions to help students in Cardiff with low EQAO scores.

Two options that won't be considered are keeping the current status quo and building new schools.

Written submissions came from a wide age range of people in the communities, including parents, business owners, former teachers and current school volunteers.

Olive Bell, a long-time volunteer at the Cardiff school, wrote to request that the Cardiff school stay open.



"Please don't allow the Cardiff school to be closed," read Mackie. "It is a beautiful, well-maintained school with all of the required facilities."

Bell has been reading to kindergarten students for nearly 20 years, once a week. It's an experience she calls "very rewarding." Her letter went on to say that the closure of the school would result in a great loss to the community.

Pat Stephenson, a retired teacher from Cardiff Elementary School, wrote to recommend that staff and students at the two schools come together. "Uniting both the Wilberforce and the Cardiff school would allow for a larger staff and a greater exchange of ideas,

teaching techniques and styles, which I think would consistently improve learning for students," she wrote. "There is a saying that two heads are better than one. That certainly applies here, particularly when you have double and triple grades occurring."

Jennifer Reus, a local business owner, parent and former Cardiff Elementary School student, wrote that she firmly opposes the possibility of a school closure in her area. "Having attended Cardiff elementary myself as a child, I am personally aware of the great level

of staff dedication, school spirit, overall cleanliness and the high level of educational drive held by the staff and students," stated Reus in her submission. "Closing Cardiff Elementary School is not an option. The void left in the centre of our long-standing community would be devastating to our village."

Reus said that children who normally receive daily exercise by walking to school would have to travel on a bus if the school were closed. She also added that the Cardiff Wee Care Day Nursery would likely shutdown because of a school closure.

"How stressful that would be to all of the families who rely on this service for the safe care of their children," she wrote.

Reus went on to state that the Cardiff school has more space to house students, more services to house students, the staff willing to teach more students and that there are more families and children in the area who will embrace an influx of students to their school.

"Cardiff Elementary School is an untapped resource waiting to be used to its fullest potential," she stated. "This situation is an opportunity for great success. What a shame if it is wasted."

Wilberforce resident Doug Scott advised that the Wilberforce Elementary School be "left alone". In his letter, Scott said that this is the first year Wilberforce has seen triple-grades and so far the school has coped well. "It (Wilberforce school) is a historical landmark," wrote Smith. "There are literally generations of people who have attended this school...if it was based on sentimental value, Wilberforce school would be kept open, no questions asked. This is the first year that the school has seen triple grades. It isn't causing any problems and it may only be temporary."

In Scott's opinion the school in Wilberforce runs well, however, things at the Cardiff school are "another matter".

"They (Cardiff Elementary School) seem to have numerous problems and issues. Fault Cardiff school as you see fit, but don't bring Cardiff school problems to Wilberforce and please don't make our Wilberforce children go to Cardiff. Cardiff school can't keep staff, teachers or EA's (educational assistants). I wonder why. Their EQAO score are low. I wonder why. What have the principals over the last five years been doing to correct the problem? I think you have so many problems to solve in the Cardiff school that you should concentrate your efforts there and not worry about multiple grades in Wilberforce."

In a letter submitted by Nataly Goulet, a business owner in the town of Wilberforce, she expresses the love she has for her community and explains why it came to be the place she chose to settle in 11 years ago.

"I moved here with my husband to build a life in a small town, a small town that had a lot to offer," explained Goulet in her submission. "We had everything we could possibly ask for (grocery store, general store, bank, gas station, etc.). As a young family, it is the ideal place to raise our children. We have everything that bigger centres have but with that essential community spirit that is lack-

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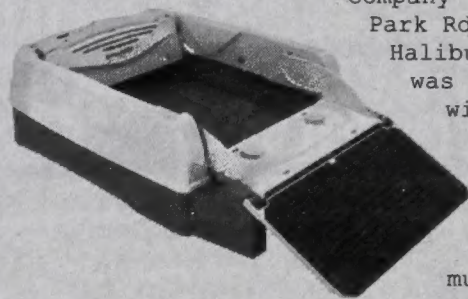
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Enrollment Down, But Loyalties to Schools Remain

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ing in other towns and cities."

Goulet added that her family has made an effort to become involved in the community, and that with the support of others it has been a rewarding experience. "It is the strength and passion of the local townsfolk that has kept us here, and I'm sure that you will appreciate that taking our school away will be no easy task. By taking away one of the vital support to any community (a school), you will surely doom this beautiful quaint town to extinction."

If the school in Wilberforce should close, Goulet says it will force her to put her three-year-old onto a bus for a one-hour ride.

"I, along with many other parents, hardly see the point of staying in an area where I will have to place my three-year-old child in a bus for one hour to attend kindergarten," she stated. "To do so, I think, is to put my young child at a serious disadvantage. How is a three-year-old to put his or her mind to the task of learning when they've spent an hour on a bus?"

Should the Wilberforce school close, Goulet says that she may be forced to move out of the area to provide her children with the level of education she feels they deserve.

"To take a school away means that people like us — people who own businesses, people who own homes, people who participate in the community — will in fact leave and will not be replaced by newcomers. Without a stable population this area will not survive."

Mary Barker, a postmaster in Wilberforce, wrote in her letter that the Wilberforce school attracts new families to the area and is beneficial to the TLDSB.

"The town of Wilberforce acts as a broad catchment area for the TLDSB," stated Barker in her letter. "Having a school encourages families to live in Wilberforce, which benefits the TLDSB."

Carmen Galea, a grade 4 Wilberforce Elementary School student, stated (in her written submission) that students at her school care about what happens to their institution and they fear the possibility of a closure.

"They care so much that my friends and I have formed a team against shutting the Cardiff and Wilberforce school," stated Galea in her letter. "We also have made a petition that we have asked students to sign. There are three full pages of signatures from kids at Wilberforce Elementary School. We are hoping that you will put the kids first and will not shut down these schools."

A letter sent in from Florence Taylor, secretary and treasurer of the Monmouth Township Not-for-Profit Housing Corporation, also asked that the Wilberforce school be kept open, and suggested that grades 7 and 8 be returned to the school.

"We are a volunteer board that is responsible for the affordable housing complex in Wilberforce. Our complex consists of an apartment building with 10 town house units that are available to families in our area," wrote Taylor. "when applying to have this complex built we were approached by the government to add family housing to our plans, as there was a need for additional housing in the county. Our units were built in 1995 and have housed many families over the years. Having the school nearby ensures that are units are full and that families can take advantage of being close to the school and other services in the community."

Following presentations of the written submissions, five others provided their own input as they spoke to the audience of about 100 and the PARC.

Tammy Cowen, a representative of the Cardiff Wee Care Nursery, explained how the day care and the school are beneficial to one another. "Wee Care operates a licensed child care centre in the Cardiff school, so the future of the school will have a direct impact on us," began Cowen. "We are currently serving 10 families, 14 children at our day care...we have created a main hub in the Cardiff school. Children and parents have access, through our centre, to other resources and services such as Point In Time and Five Counties Children's Centre."

Steven Kauffeldt, President of the Cardiff Community Association and strong supporter of the Cardiff Elementary School, began his presentation with a quote from R&B musician Sylvia Robinson. "Some think it's holding on that makes one strong; sometimes it's letting go."

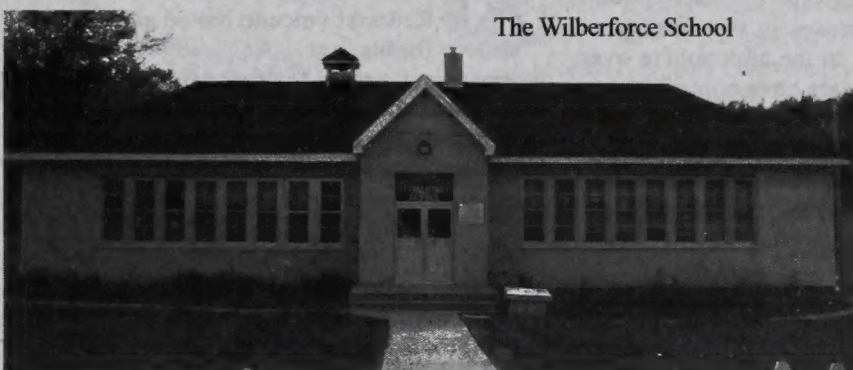
Kauffeldt claimed that many people in both communities believe that the board of trustees has already made its decision and that the community and committee's input won't be heard. "Some of the parents from Wilberforce elementary and Cardiff elementary feel that this decision has already been made and that we are being led to believe that we have an actual say," said Kauffeldt. "The question that remains is why waste our time on a committee that does nothing, but drags out the process and creates a deep wound between these two close communities that may never heal."

Kauffeldt insisted that the school board and the PARC consider the well-being of families in the area in the process and that the children's education be of the utmost importance.

"What needs to be made clear is that all parents in both communities are concerned about their kids, not money," he said, after mentioning that a significant blow would be dealt to the value of real estate in either community should a school close. "The board needs to understand that we are in a rural area and are by no means well off. Once the decision is made it needs to be clear that quality education needs to be the number one priority."

Kauffeldt went on to criticize the way that rural communities are treated, saying that the quality of education delivered in urban areas is far superior.

"The playing field of education in this province has never even been close to level," he said. "I



attended North Hastings High School and my wife attended Eastern Collegiate (Toronto). When we compare the extent of one another's education, I began to realize how the schools in rural areas are treated."

Suzanne Hedley, a parent from Cardiff, said it would be ideal if both schools were kept open.

"I think there would be real benefits in joining both schools," said Hedley, "but if it is only about numbers and special programs being only warranted to classes with enough enrolment, then why not travel to meet our children at either school when necessary, as opposed to closing one of the school's completely?"

Hedley then suggested that the school board look at ways of changing how schools in rural areas receive their funding.

"Maybe our system should look at different mathematical factors to be applied to rural areas," she said. "Maybe a needs assessment should be done, especially for rural areas...as Steven has said, we may have chosen a simple lifestyle, but we are not simple people and we do not have simple children."

During a question and answer period that was held after the presentations, a few audience members asked the PARC if the process could be changed to meet the needs of rural communities.

"Has our board ever said that this doesn't work for our board and our little schools and that we need to change something higher up?" asked an audience member.

Board Trustee Valerie Smith replied by saying that the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) has informed the Ministry of Education that these review processes should be better tailored to the communities they are held in.

"This information has been taken by the Ontario Public School Boards' Association to the Ministry. The Ministry has been told that 'one size does not fit all'," said Smith. "The Ministry has listened but hasn't made any changes yet. We (OPSBA) are hoping that they will listen and will make some changes because the process

just doesn't fit all places."

Smith is also a member of the OPSBA, an organization that represents public district school boards and public school authorities across Ontario. The association's mandate is to "advocate on behalf of the best interests and needs of the public school system in Ontario."

At one point during the Q&A session, Sherin explained the current funding formula that is prescribed by the Ministry of Education. The formula is based on enrolment for equity across all boards in the province. Staffing for schools is based on a ratio of 20:1 students to teachers for kindergarten to Grade 3 and 24.5:1 for Grades 4-8. The funding model was changed 10 years ago so that school boards do not have the ability to set mill rates.

Once the audience was given the floor to speak many found it difficult to only ask a question and not make a statement. The chair of the meeting was often reminding those in the audience to ask questions only.

Gary Stoughton, a councillor for Highlands East, told the PARC and the audience that he believes that the process is underway because enrolment is down at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS).

"They want the students to go to Haliburton because their enrolment is down," said Stoughton. "I lived in Harcourt when I was born and it was the same process. They closed the school there and they closed the Highland Grove School. They built the schools in seven years, closed them and moved the kids to Haliburton. This is exactly what is going on now."

Although Stoughton lives in Wilberforce, he wants both communities to be able to keep their schools.

"These people are all a part of Highlands East," he said. "I'm a councillor in Highlands East and I'm going to stick up for everybody. I don't care which township they're from. We've got to have schools. If we don't have schools we don't have anything."

In response to Stoughton's comments, Bob Kaye, Superintendent of Business, said that the review is completely unrelated to the high school.

"This review is about these two schools. It doesn't even involve the Haliburton area," said Kaye.

Some other items discussed during the lengthy Q&A period included: concerns about bus travel times and dangers along possible routes; the possible impact that a sudden influx of students to one school could have on a community; and programming that is currently available at either school.

Deadline Date Extended for Scenarios

In a meeting held by the PARC prior to the public input consultation, the group decided to extend the deadline for scenario submissions from Tuesday, March 24 to Wednesday, April 15.

The PARC felt it would be appropriate to give more time to people in both communities to have their say. Some scenarios that have been submitted to date range from closing one school or the other, to keeping both schools open.

Forms for scenario submissions can be filled out online at www.tlidsb.on.ca or can be picked up at both the Wilberforce Elementary School and the Cardiff Elementary School.

The next public meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20 at the Wilberforce Community Centre at 6 p.m., with a tour of the school at 5:15 p.m. for anyone who wants to attend. ■

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Earth 'Over Capacity'

One of the United States' most influential science advisers says that the number of humans on the planet has exceeded Earth's "limits of sustainability." Speaking prior to a conference in Paris of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, State Department chief scientist Nina Fedoroff said that famines affecting a billion people could threaten global food security this century. The world's population has already exceeded 6 billion and is predicted to rise to 9 billion within 50 years unless action is taken soon. "The planet can't support many more people," Fedoroff told the BBC. Her warning echoed comments by John Beddington, Britain's chief scientist, in which he forecast a "perfect storm" of food, water and energy shortages by 2030.

Penguin Death Mystery

Marine experts in Chile were baffled as to what caused the deaths of about 1,200 penguins that washed up on two beaches in the south of the country over several days. The dead birds were of the Magellanic and Humboldt species, which live in extreme southern South America and migrate to northern Chile and beyond during the Southern Hemisphere winter. Penguin deaths are common, but "the strange thing is the number" of dead birds, fisheries official Bernardo Pardo told reporters.

Earthquakes

The stronger of two quakes that shook northern Nicaragua within minutes damaged 28 houses.

• Earth movements were also felt in Indonesia's easternmost province of Papua, central Italy and the San Francisco Bay Area.

Dust-Free Warming

Atmospheric researchers in Wisconsin say that decreases in the amount of dust in the atmosphere over the past 30 years have contributed to rising temperatures in the North Atlantic Ocean far more than global warming. Writing in the journal *Science*, University of Wisconsin-Madison's Amato Evan says that more than two-thirds of the regional ocean warming can be attributed to changes in the amount of dust blowing off African deserts and variations in tropical volcanic activity during the period. Evan and his colleagues had earlier shown that African dust and other airborne particles can suppress hurricane activity by reducing how much sunlight reaches the ocean. Dusty years signal mild hurricane seasons, while years with low dust activity have been linked to stronger and more frequent storms. Evan says that new climate models should begin to include dust storms as a factor to accurately predict ocean warming.

African Inundations

The U.N. launched a "flash" appeal to Western donors to help six of its agencies cope with some of the worst flooding across parts of southern Africa since 1963. Namibia's government declared a state of emergency in areas where huge inundations forced more than 13,000 people from their homes. The Zambezi river, along Namibia's northeastern Caprivi Region, rose to 25 feet this week, its highest level in 40 years. Stalled weather patterns have brought unusually heavy rainfall that has displaced many others from Uganda and Zambia to northern Botswana and Mozambique. In northern Botswana, downpours caused three rivers to burst their banks, submerging eight villages.

Alaskan Eruption

Ash falling from a powerful eruption of Alaska's Redoubt volcano halted all flights at Anchorage's international airport for more than a day. It was the first time that any of the mountain's latest 18 eruptions have brought such a large quantity of ash to south-central Alaska. Redoubt is located about 100 miles southwest of Anchorage, and began erupting on March 22. The ash brought a sulfurous smell to the air that caused raspy throats and burning eyes across the region.

Solar Dreams

An Australian researcher says he has found that nightmares and other bizarre dreams might actually have their origins somewhere in outer space rather than being triggered by watching horror films. Writing in the journal *Medical Hypotheses*, psychologist Darren Lipnicki says he found a correlation between the bizarreness of his dreams and the level of local geomagnetic activity influenced by the solar wind. *New Scientist* reports that other studies have linked low geomagnetic activity to an increase in the production of melatonin, a hormone that helps set the body's circadian clock. Between 1990 and 1997, Lipnicki kept track of his dreams and assigned a value to how bizarre he felt they were. He found that when comparing those values with the daily geomagnetic activity at his home in Perth, Australia, there was a statistical correlation between dream bizarreness and geomagnetic activity. He says freakier dreams occurred on days with the least geomagnetic activity.

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Have Your Say...
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Recently, the Trillium Lakelands School Board (TLDSB) approved a recommendation to the Ministry of Education to make a change to the school year calendar. The board asked that the 2009 school year start one week earlier than usual because Labour Day arrives late, on Sept. 7. We asked people, "How do you feel about the proposed early start? How could the change have an impact on people?"



Carolyn McArthur, West Guilford – "I suggest that they look at having less PA days and keep the school calendar as it has been since I went to school. Or maybe they could decrease the number of days that kids have off on March break or the Christmas holidays. If this change happens, people will have to take time off to look after their kids or hire the help of a nanny. Their decision will have a ripple effect on the community."



Cindy Ruddell, Wilberforce – "I've heard different community members including business people say it may have an impact on local business. Some have said the cottagers will also have to leave early. To me, I don't think that the kids will mind that much. They'll still have to put in the same amount of time regardless. However, I'm not sure how this may affect the teachers. I believe any education is good education, no matter when they go back."



Gord Everall, Haliburton – "I don't know if it will make a difference. It doesn't affect me because I'm retired and my kids and grandkids are long gone. It may have an affect on the businesses. I don't think that the kids would like to go back early. I know I certainly wouldn't if I was a kid."



Kendra Boice, Haliburton – "I don't think it's necessary. Kids seem to have lots of PA days, so maybe they should try and lose some of those. I think that a lot of people here don't take holidays until the end of the summer because this is the busy season for many of them. I don't think people will change their vacation plans and they may just send their kids to school after the first week has already started."

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Moose Shooting out of Season costs Haliburton Men \$6000

Two Haliburton County men have been fined a total of \$6,000 for shooting and transporting a cow moose during the closed season.

George Medley, 47, of Haliburton, pleaded guilty to shooting a cow moose during the closed season, and possessing and transporting the illegally killed moose. He was fined \$4,000. In addition, his hunting licence was suspended for five years and his rifle was forfeited to the Crown.

Derwin Barry, 50, of West Guilford, pleaded guilty to transporting illegally-killed wildlife and was fined \$2,000.

Court heard that conservation officers, responding to a TIPS-MNR complaint, contacted the two men at Barry's residence after the men returned from a week-long deer hunt in Livingstone Township. Officers located a quartered moose wrapped in a tarp in the back of Barry's pick-up truck. Medley, the passenger, admitted to killing the moose, hiding the meat in a creek, and wrapping it in the tarp before he and Barry made the trip home.

Justice of the Peace Diane Jackson heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Minden, on April 2, 2009.

To report a natural resource violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). ■

Snow Brings Multi Fender Benders



(Haliburton, ON.) – Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have investigated several motor vehicle collisions (MVCs) as the result of the poor weather on 6 April 2009.

Haliburton Highlands OPP officers investigated 9 MVCs between 8:00am and 3:00pm on the 6th of April 2009. Weather conditions were a factor and most of the collisions involved single vehicles going into the ditch. Only minor injuries were reported.

Motorists are reminded to drive according to the road conditions during poor weather. ■

Poacher Caught by Deer Decoy

A Penetanguishene man has pleaded guilty and was fined a total of \$4000 for illegal hunting activities.

John Hewson, 32, was fined \$1500 for trespassing to hunt, \$2000 and a two-year hunting suspension for discharging a firearm from a vehicle and \$500 for having a loaded firearm in a vehicle. He also received a suspended sentence for discharging a firearm from the travelled portion of a road.

Court heard that on November 12, 2008, Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officers set up a deer decoy in Minden Township, Haliburton County. Officers had received several complaints of illegal hunting and trespassing in the area.

During the first half-hour of the decoy set, the officers saw a vehicle slow down as it passed the decoy location. The same vehicle returned a second and a third time before Hewson, the driver, fired three shots from his .30-06 rifle out the window of the vehicle at the deer decoy. Conservation officers stopped Hewson approximately one kilometre down the road and recovered his loaded rifle from the back seat of the vehicle. Justice of the Peace Diane Jackson heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Minden, on April 2, 2009.

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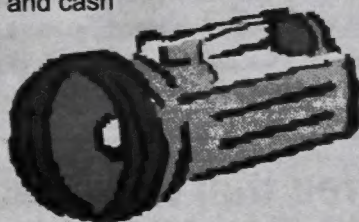
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Algonquin Highlands Council Stand Firm with Lake of Bays on Shared Service Agreement

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

**"We supply the service and they should share the cost."
(Tom Gardner)**

The Shared Service Agreement between Algonquin Highlands and Lake of Bays appears to be falling further off the rails as time goes by. Lake of Bays remains in arrears to the tune of \$30,000 for their portion of the agreement and discussions between the two municipalities have failed to resolve

the problem to date.

Because they are joined so closely together, the two communities have several agreements for the provision of services including fire protection, road maintenance, the Raven Lake Landing and a shared service agreement for a catch-all of services which includes the Dorset Heritage Museum, Community Policing, the Dorset skating rink and the library complex.

With the shared services agreement that had previously been in place, each municipality contributed \$15,000 towards maintaining the facilities or preparing for capital projects. Unfortunately, Algonquin Highlands has been unable to come to terms with Lake of Bays on a new agreement.

According to Reeve Eleanor Harrison the staff is frustrated with the arrears that span two years and Lake of Bays still does not seem to be willing to agree on the terms of another contract. Harrison had called the meeting with representatives of the Lake of Bays Council after earlier discussions failed. She said that throughout the meeting, the idea of a continuing 50/50 cost sharing agreement for the museum, community policing and the outdoor rink did not sit with them very well.

When she and CAO Lorne Mitchell presented the 2008 actual costs for the three facilities it came to just over \$42,000, or approximately \$21,000 for each municipality. According to Harrison, Lake of Bays is only prepared to cough up \$14,000.

Harrison also said, "Those are not the only things that go on in Dorset that are paid for by Algonquin Highlands." She said that costs for the community centre last year were \$11,502 with no contribution from Lake of Bays. Nor do they contribute to the beautification program or the costs to maintain the parkette which is used by residents in both Dorset and Lake of Bays.

Harrison said, "I would not back down. In order for the agreement to be fair and equitable, there should be a 50/50 cost sharing, at least on the three main facilities."

She said that they left the meeting with the understanding that she would take the matter back to her Council to ratify her position. The Lake of Bays representatives agreed to address the matter with their Council as well, but Harrison anticipates that they will continue to offer a lower percentage of the costs.

Councillor Carol Moffatt asked what the concern was about the museum, given her understanding that Lake of Bays only wanted to see the budget as a matter of information. Harrison said that, while Lake of Bays was insisting on having a say about the levels of service provided, she didn't think that was the real reason for their unwillingness to pay.

Moffatt voiced her frustration with the fact that they had gone to great lengths to hammer out detailed rules on how things would be handled.

Harrison also suggested that there may be some concerns about the Committee that is in place, but added that they should not be of too much concern as they only acted in an advisory capacity to

Lake of Bays. As further assurance she said there is also Council representation on the committee.

Things got a bit stickier from this point, when Gardner asked if Lake of Bays had paid their arrears for 2007 and 2008. Harrison responded that according to Lake of Bays they have paid their share, without benefit of the agreement, but according to the level of responsibility they are prepared to assume.

Reserves for the Dorset Rink and Raven Lake Landing are both capped at the present time, but according to Harrison, Raven Lake was not part of the discussion as it is managed under a different agreement. She added that as Lake of Bays consider it the property of the Ministry of Natural Resources, they will not take any responsibility for it. Moffatt suggested contacting the Raven Lake Association to let them know that the agreement was being restructured and the landing may have fallen through the gaps and the matter will also be raised for discussion at their

annual meeting.

Harrison then asked Council to confirm their desire to stick to their guns and insist on an agreement that requires 50 percent participation by both municipalities. Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner said, "We supply the service and they should share the cost. It's very difficult to accurately pro-rate the actual use by residents." ■

Council agreed with Gardner's sentiments, but Harrison voiced her frustration with the fact that divisive action could be taken in a community that she considers the one of the most vibrant in Northern Ontario. She said, "This is absolutely ludicrous, particularly when the people living there all get behind community initiatives so much."

A letter will be forwarded to Lake of Bays detailing Algonquin Highlands' position, so there'll be more to follow. ■

Ramblin' Along the Rail Trail

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Walkers Exposed to Rich History That Lies in Haliburton County

This past Saturday, 20 outdoor enthusiasts took in the many sights and sounds that can be found along the Rail Trail in the first 'Friends of The Rail Trail' event of the year.

About 20 walkers, along with seven furry, four-legged companions came out for the first ever Rail Trail Ramble. During the two-hour walk participants went on a relaxing jaunt down the Rail Trail, just off Francis Rd. near Gelert. Their excursion took them along a scenic trek over a historic iron bridge and over



to the Sedgwick farm that was first built in the 1850's. The owner of the farm, Marion Sedgwick, came along to give participants a brief history lesson about her property.

A few participants brought their binoculars to do some bird watching and local bird expert Don Smith found a crow's skull along the trail.

'Friends of the Rail Trail' was founded in November of 2007 by local resident Pamela Marsales. That year the group also hosted its first event, which was a community supper where local old timers recalled their memories of the railway. Last year the group ran the "Critters On the Trail" program, which was a wildlife discovery initiative intended to educate children.

Rail Trail Rambles was an idea that Beth Madole, a member of the group, came up with through researching activities that other Rail Trail groups hold.

"I did some online research and found out that other organizations in the U.S. run these types of discovery walks," she said on Saturday.

Judging by the turnout at this first event, it's safe to say that the group will host many more walks in the year's to come.

The next Ramble that the group is scheduled to host will take place on Easter Sunday (April 12th) and will start at the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre at 2 PM. The Ramble will take walkers down through town and out to Barnum Lake.

For more information contact Beth Madole at 705 457-9324. ■

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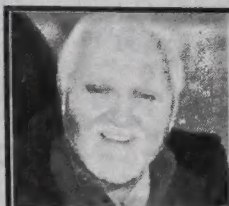
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Poets Rewarded in First Annual Poet Tree Competition

Winning poet Stacy Kirkbride is RD Lawrence's New Writer in Residence

Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter

I'm betting that you didn't know April is National Poetry Month.

What with the snow, the economic crunch and Easter looming, it may have slipped your mind.

TS Eliot said that, "April is the cruellest month."

Not even close.

What's really cruel is that National Poetry Month has been nicknamed by the Twittering set.

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Which begs the question: "What will Twitter do to Hamlet? Or the Sonnets?"

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Well, the good folks at the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network have their own take on the relative merits of poetry and they rewarded winners of their First Annual Poet Tree Project in a combination breakfast and poetry presentation at the Dominion Hotel and RD Lawrence Place last Saturday morning.

First place went to Stacy Kirkbride of Haliburton, Ontario for her stunningly vivid work entitled *Funeral at Commando Lake*.

The 20 or so poetry aficionados who joined the group for the readings of the three winning poems were assured that the judging was accomplished in the time-honored double blind mode.

This assurance given because all four of the winners hailed from the Highlands, even though the contest reached out across Ontario.

Kathy Purc's poem *What Matters* captured second place and Doug Aldworth's poem *Bail Out* tied with Judy Breau's *Elegy for the Senses* for third place. Purc, Aldworth and Breau all, like Kirkbride, hail from the Highlands.

Judges Lea Harper and Brenda Pettigrew wanted to assure everyone that all 45 poems were assessed on merit and all of the works were submitted for judging with the names removed.

Pettigrew introduced Purc and Aldworth and they read their own poems plus a selection of the other winning poetry. Pettigrew said that both she and Harper were impressed by the selection of 45 poems submitted for the contest.

Organizers said that based on the success of this latest dovetail the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network will also be pursuing some poetry reading nights; venue designated as the Dominion Hotel and time to be announced.

Pettigrew assured one and all that they hope to enliven the readings with a buffet and beverage service.

What is it with poets and their wine ... anyway? "O thou invisible spirit of wine, if thou hast no name to be known by, let us call thee devil!" Okay, okay, Othello, notwithstanding, the poetry night at Dominion Hotel sounds like a winner and host Shawn Chamberlain, coincidentally, has been known to dress up like Shakespeare when the mood strikes.

What we all realized last Saturday, newcomers and old hands alike, is that poetry can be quite fun. "No theme is too lofty or lowly for the poet," said Pettigrew.

In a nice little dovetail, Cheryl Loucks announced that the grand prize winner, Kirkbride – who couldn't be there on Saturday due to prior commitments – is the new Writer in Residence

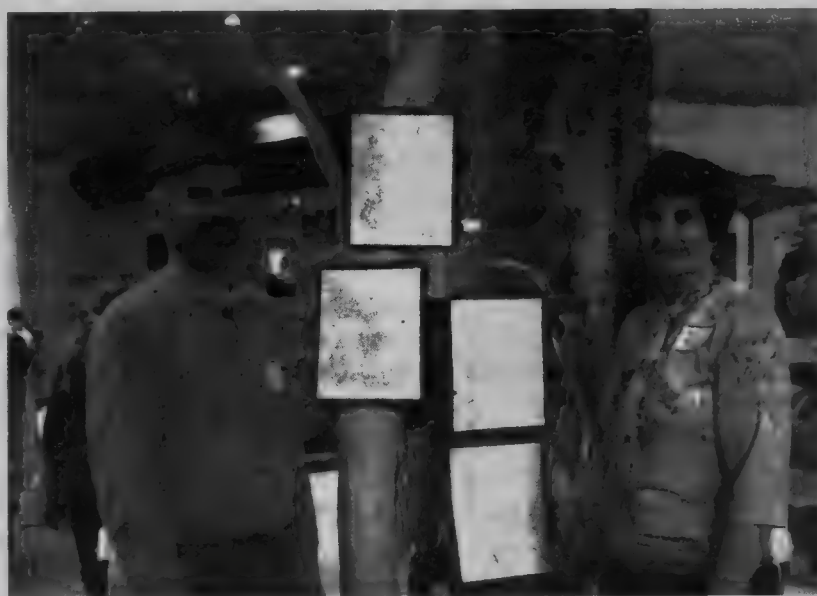
at RD Lawrence.

Again, Loucks wanted to assure everyone that the fix was "definitely not in" and the fact that Kirkbride's poem won the contest was just pure coincidence.

Yeah, we get it already. Besides, it's poetry, not a Bernie Madoff Ponzie scheme. No one cheats in poetry contests.

And seriously, Kirkbride's beautifully constructed poem, *Funeral at Commando Lake* is indeed a very insightful piece, certainly worthy of the prize, and a nice prelude to Kirkbride's entrenchment as Writer in Residence.

Kirkbride was born in Cochrane, Ontario, and the influence of the northern landscape and culture is a prevalent feature in her writing.



Poets Doug Aldworth and Kathy Purc

Kirkbride studied English Literature and Women's Studies at the University of Ottawa. She also participated in a number of creative writing courses and greatly enjoys sharing her love of literature with others. Like a lot of artists, said Loucks, Kirkbride moved here and immediately fell in love with the community and the area. She stayed.

She lists her first passion as poetry and this continues to

be her favorite form of writing. Both her poetry and prose explore connection to the natural world, 'living' history and sense of place.

The stated goal of the RD Lawrence Writer in Residence program is simple and outlined on the RD Lawrence website.

"The residency will contribute to the creation of an active writing community with the intent of adding to the cultural experience of residents, seasonal residents, and visitors.

"The Writer stimulates the writing culture already alive through creative new ideas and providing encouragement for the writing process. This type of initiative, under the guidance of the Writer in Residence, will provide an opportunity for writers to hone their craft and in turn help to preserve our cultural identity."

For more information about the various and innovative writing programs

and future writing contests you might want to visit the website at mindenculturalcentre.com.



Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

On April 13, 1997, in Augusta, Ga., 21-year-old Tiger Woods wins the prestigious Masters Tournament by a record 12 strokes. It was Woods' first victory in one of golf's four major championships and the greatest performance by a professional golfer in more than a century.

On April 14, 1956, the first videotape recorder is demonstrated. The machine, invented by Ray Dolby, Charles Ginsberg and Charles Anderson, recorded both images and sound. CBS purchased three of the video tape recorders for \$75,000 each.

On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson, age 28, becomes the first black player in Major League Baseball when he steps onto Ebbets Field in Brooklyn, N.Y., to compete for the Brooklyn Dodgers. Robinson broke the color barrier in a sport that had been segregated for more than 50 years.

On April 16, 1926, the first Book-of-the-Month Club selection is distributed. The selection, "Lolly Willows, or, The Loving Huntsman" by Sylvia Townsend Warner, went to nearly 5,000 members who had joined the club, which was established in New York City.

On April 17, 1790, American statesman, printer, scientist and writer Benjamin Franklin dies in Philadelphia at age 84. Besides writing and publishing "Poor Richard's Almanack," Franklin invented the Franklin stove, bifocal eyeglasses and the lightning rod.

On April 18, 1906, an earthquake estimated at close to 8.0 on the Richter scale strikes San Francisco. The quake was caused by a slip of the San Andreas Fault over a segment about 275 miles long. It was estimated that some 3,000 people died as a result of the Great San Francisco Earthquake and the subsequent fires it inflicted upon the city.

On April 19, 1897, the first Boston Marathon is run. It was held on April 19, Patriots' Day, a holiday celebrated in honor of the start of the Revolutionary War. In 1969, Patriots' Day was officially moved to the third Monday of April, and the Boston Marathon has been run on that day ever since.

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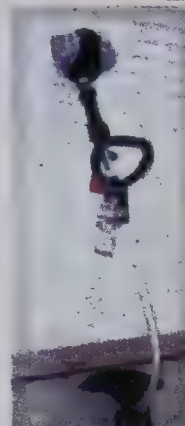


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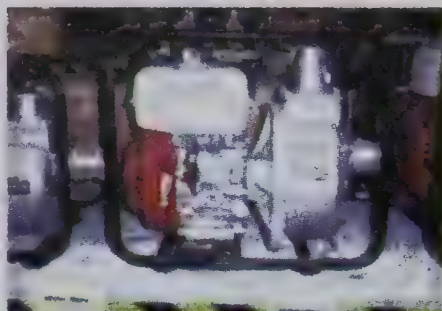
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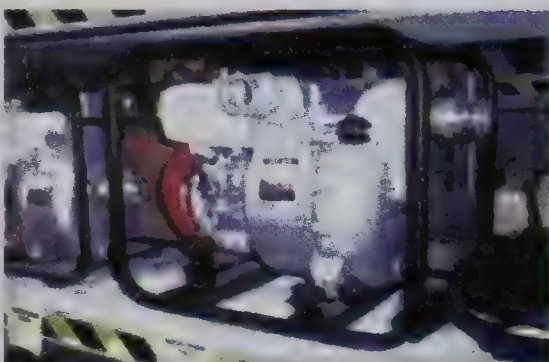
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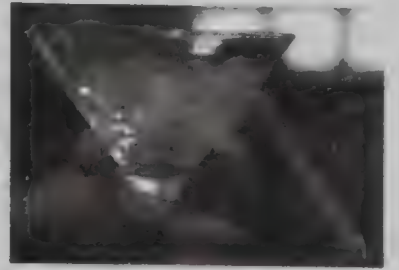
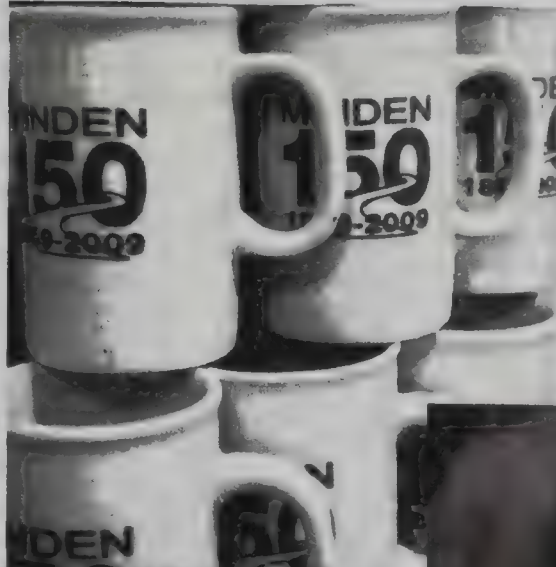
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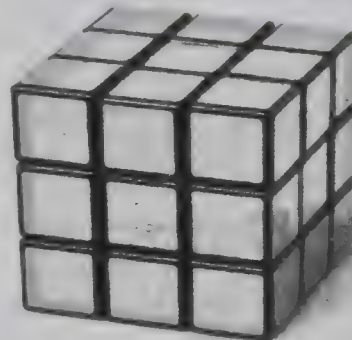
150th Anniversary Takes Off in Style

Minden's Sesquicentennial got off to a roaring start last week as local businesses and schools held different celebrations to mark the event. Students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School celebrated the birthday party with 450 cupcakes prepared by the St. Paul's Anglican Church ladies (with all ingredients donated by Linda Easton of the Minden Valumart). The Dominion Hotel's Shawn Chamberlin invented a special martini for the occasion, which he shared with Minden's first hotelier, Dan Buck, the owner of the original Rockcliffe Tavern, although some say he owned the Dominion as well. Buck was also a postmaster, school inspector, and lumberman (Buck's Slide north of Camarvon). Mr. Buck (in the person of Jack Brezina) was all over the town celebrating the event, singing along with Gord Kidd's band at Minden Hearing, and hoisting one at the Dominion, to name just a few appearances. ■

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Airport Planning Proceeds Despite Opposition

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

Despite continuing opposition about the airport expansion from ratepayers in the area, the Algonquin Highlands Council is forging ahead with the planning process. At their meeting last week Council reviewed the minutes of their first official airport progress meeting, agreed on methods of financing and discussed how they might best move ahead with some aspects of the project.

The first order of business was the method of financing. Treasurer Sheila Griffin compared the pros and cons of borrowing directly through the Ontario Strategic Infrastructure Financing Authority (OSIFA is a financing tool that can be used by municipalities to renew and build critical public infrastructure assets) or using a line of credit through the CIBC. Griffin advised that there would be lower interest rates through the CIBC and the process would be far less cumbersome than working through two different levels of government.

The proposed borrowing by-law was drawn up to cover the full amount of the expansion project with provincial and federal shares being reimbursed by Build Canada as the project proceeds.

Councillor Carol Moffat was concerned about the financing and asked, "When the project goes over cost will the \$3.6 million dollars become a black hole for us to have to pay back?"

Reeve Eleanor Harrison told Moffat that the engineers (from Richardson Foster Ltd.) had assured the Municipality that both their project estimates and management costs for the project would be more than sufficient to get the job done. Harrison said, "This is a huge project for us, but from the engineer's perspective it's a relatively small project." Harrison likened the project to building a mile and a half of four lane highway which is a common occurrence with engineers and contractors.

The Treasurer also clarified that the terms of the by-law would not allow Algonquin Highlands to exceed their one-third portion of the cost of the project. She said, "Once the project is completed a debenture will be taken out for our share of the project costs." Griffin also advised that the borrowing by-law simply allowed a line of credit; that the municipality will not be borrowing the full amount.

Not satisfied, Moffat asked how financing would be handled if the project does go over cost and CAO Lorne Mitchell said that, in the unlikely event of overruns, Council would have to decide how to proceed at the time. Harrison assured Moffat that Council will be made aware well in advance of an overrun and Griffin re-

iterated that the bank would not let the Municipality exceed their share of the \$3.6 million dollars.

Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner said that in the event of unexpected costs, unless Council decided otherwise, they could take funds out of reserves or use money received from the sale of property and Mitchell added that a contingency is included in construction estimates.

Gardner, who initially voted against going ahead with the project given the economy, said that as Council had voted to proceed, he thought it was his duty as a Councillor to make sure things are done right. He said, "I'll sign on because I agree with this."

The resolutions to sign a borrowing by-law and authorizing a lending agreement with the CIBC were passed by Council with Moffat being the only nay vote.

On hearing of the resolutions for financing, concern continued to be voiced by members of the Maple, Beech & Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners Association (MBC) about compounded interest and cost overruns, mirroring concerns raised by Moffat.

Director Andy Muirhead said, "What about the 2 1/2 kilometres of fencing required for security and wildlife, estimated to cost \$500,000? The cost to expand the apron for the use of the jets anticipated by Council is also not included in this contract." Muirhead, who has experience with air strip and similar construction projects, predicts that those will be just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to cost overruns.

Harrison then raised the issue of whether or not an additional staff person would be required for project management. It seemed to be the consensus that Richardson Foster had included sufficient monies for project management in their estimates and there will be no need for an additional municipal representative, other than the CAO and Treasurer who will attend project management meetings and be the liaisons to staff and Council.

Harrison advised Council that Mitchell's involvement would be considerable, given the need to deal with the public and meet the needs of the engineers. Moffat, referring to Mitchell's impending retirement, (Mitchell anticipates leaving the Municipality at the end of October - see separate article in this issue) asked if there was cause for concern about the transition of CAO's in the midst of the project.

Harrison said she hoped the Municipality would be fortunate

enough to have the bulk of the project completed by that time, other than small items. She referred to the fact that the project was approved based on it being shovel ready and said, "We're getting the information we need on what is necessary to complete the environmental assessment (EA) requirements. If we can't start on schedule because of that, we will have to take a look at other measures. But I don't think we have to make that decision today."

Harrison admitted to being somewhat apprehensive about the EA requirements, but said when she acknowledged this to the engineers, they suggested there was no cause for concern. Mitchell also said that Richardson Foster is optimistic that if construction gets underway fairly quickly, the project will be completed by the time he left. He said, "Otherwise I'll take the bullets!"

Harrison also brought to Council's attention the fact that their initial idea of breaking the tender out into different portions was not recommended by the engineers. She said, "Legally, we can't have two contractors on site at the same time. Local contractors will have a much better chance to get work as sub-contractors and will have less responsibility for safety issues." She also said that it would simplify the invoicing process to some degree.

Moffat asked for a mecha-

nism by which people bidding can be required to use local people where it works and Council agreed with this as long as they were getting the work for the best price.

The discussion then turned to tree clearing. Harrison said that Michael Osborne of Richardson Foster will be getting back to Council on the extent of cutting required. She said, "There are only three properties involved, outside of the Ministry of Natural Resources land. Osborne will get the exact locations of the trees involved, but it will fall on the CAO and myself, if Council agrees, to accompany him on visits, or to encourage the property owners involved to come in and discuss things. She said, "We have to get accurate information prior to negotiating."

Mitchell said, "When we get to that point in the process, we will seek Council's approval on how to proceed and clarify the terms and conditions."

Moffat said that she recalled there being limitations on when trees should be topped, referring to report from the engineers that suggested that the time of tree topping or cutting should be done in a way that would not disturb nesting. She asked, "How do we reconcile that?"

Harrison responded, "Richardson Foster will have to look at that. It's done all the time and there are no endangered species involved." She agreed, however, to put the question to the engineers.

Harrison confirmed that no trees would be touched on the Mueller property. She said, "Unfortunately a lot of people are getting riled up. They think their properties will be affected. We're in a bad position now as people have bad information."

The discussion then turned to Andrew Kuzyk, whose property is actually in Dysart, but is at the end of the existing runway where substantial tree cutting will be necessary. Kuzyk, who has stated his position clearly in the local newspapers, is mounting a strong case against any tree cutting on his property, starting with his own lawyer and extending to representatives from Build Canada, the provincial government and the County.

According to Harrison a picture that was published last week did not accurately depict Kuzyk's property as it didn't show either the hanger or taxiway that Kuzyk has in place. Gardner voiced concern that Kuzyk had acquired his property five years ago from the Municipality on the understanding that he would operate a B&B. He said, "That commitment was not filled and I'm surprised to see that he is now calling it his cottage. Kuzyk originally committed to operating a business that would service flyers and complement airport operations."

While Mitchell maintains that legislation allows Algonquin Highlands to negotiate the tree cutting on Kuzyk's property with no other approvals, the matter of whether or not approvals may be required from either the County as the upper tier government or Dysart remained a matter for debate at press time.

Getting back to discussions about construction, Mitchell said that tenders would be issued on the 13th of April. He said, "We'll have clarification on EA requirements by that time. If there is a show stopper we'll just have to deal with it at the time."

Moffat said she had one last question. At their previous meeting she said she had asked the CAO for clarification on proceeding with Richardson Foster without benefit of tendering the engineering work. She said that the Municipality was setting aside their own policy. "I'm still concerned and I don't want to find ourselves inadvertently backed into a corner. The government has sticky tendering processes and I'm wondering if that precludes us from going ahead with the same engineers."

Both Harrison and Mitchell assured Moffat this was standard procedure and not contrary to the Build Canada policy. This is an item that may need some clarification as the Municipality's own application for funding clearly says that their 'contract award process will be competitive, fair and transparent (e.g. no sole source contracts, no union-only processes) and consistent with the Agreement on Internal Trade and Canada's international trade obligations,' which suggests that even the engineering should be awarded through a tendered process.

Mitchell then advised Council that he had forwarded the application for the Certificate of Approval for the storm water management pond to the Ministry of Environment. Neither he nor Harrison anticipated any delays with this process.

Councillor Diane Griffin went back to the Reeve's question to Council whether they agreed with the CAO and herself visiting the property owners where tree topping/cutting was to take place. Griffin voiced her frustration with the increasing comments being made about the airport being the Reeve and CAO's project. She said, "This is a project of the Council as a whole, regardless of how voting took place. There seems to be an opinion that the CAO directs us, when in fact, Council directs the CAO."

Griffin said, "A democratic decision was made to proceed with this project and I am proud of that system." Griffin also said that she hoped the County would see the value of the project in the future. ■

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Condominium Request Denied in Dysart

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

"We have no available rental units that are affordable for people in the area."

(Deputy Reeve Bill Davis)

A request to convert the Ashley Hope Apartments on Mountain Street in Haliburton did not receive a favourable response when put to the Dysart



et al Council for consideration at their Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday. The lack of available rental units in the community along with a number of encroachments on the road allowance were the primary reasons for Council considering the request unsuitable.

In a letter to the Municipality, the owners (WAOI Investments Inc. out of Richmond Hill) indicate that they would like to convert the 15 unit building into a condominium to give them the option of either renting or selling. Although there are no building permits on file with the Municipality to confirm this, the owners also reported significant renovations to both the exterior and interior of the building including a new roof, new windows, siding, renovations to individual units and the installation of a water purification system.

The owners also proposed to offer the tenants first right of refusal to purchase their units, but advised that if they do not wish to purchase, tenants would be under no obligation to vacate possession of their unit to another purchaser.

In the letter, company representative David Vyner said, "The only time a purchaser would be able to move in and occupy a unit is if the tenant were to vacate on their own volition or be evicted for breach under the lease obligation."

Vyner said that the company has been finding that, for the most part, they are unable to keep the building 100 percent occupied. He said that, even though there is a limited supply of rental accommodations in the area, the 'walk-up' nature of the building makes it difficult for many prospective tenants.

Dysart Planner Pat Martin did not recommend supporting the proposal for several reasons. In her report to Council she detailed that the building presently encroaches on the road allowance for Mountain Street which would preclude registration as the condominium. In addition, the well that services the building is located across the street on land owned by another party. Martin said the owners of the building would have to show documentation that an easement exists to guarantee long-term use of the well.

Martin referred Council to the Provincial Policy Statement that requires planning authorities to provide an appropriate range of housing types including a range of housing forms, types and tenures. She said, "The PPS also states that conversion of existing units shouldn't be considered

where it adversely affects the availability of rental housing."

This statement is supported by Dysart's Official Plan which requires consideration of vacancy rates, the social characteristics of the tenants and the condition and location of the building.

There are limited privately owned rental accommodations in the Municipality as most apartments in Haliburton are owned and managed by the public housing authority where waiting lists are considerable.

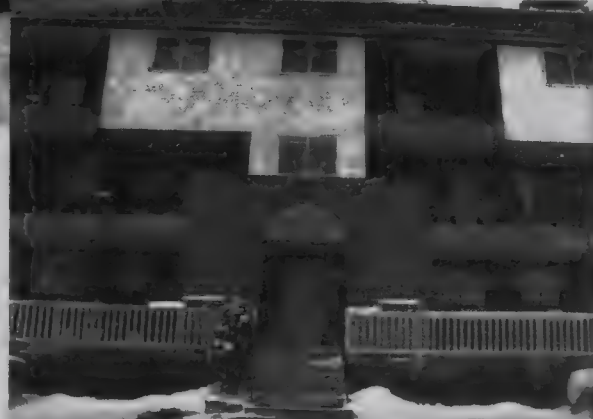
Martin described the encroachment's onto the road allowance for Mountain Street that are associated with the building which include two sets of steps, a concrete walkway, several retaining walls, a roof overhang numerous parking spaces and a waterline. While a license of occupation is in place with the Municipality for the encroachments, if the road allowance is needed for municipal purposes they would have to be removed or resolved with six months written notice.

Concerns were also raised about the well, which is located off the property.

Martin advised Council that, if they wished to consider the proposal, a number of studies and approvals would be required. Some of these would include a study of available rental units and the impact that the conversion would have on vacancy rates, a building condition study, legal advice on how to resolve the encroachment issues, a hydrogeology study and engineers report on the water system and a parkland dedication.

Deputy Reeve Bill Davis was adamant that Council should not support the request. He said, "We have no available rental units that are affordable for people in the area." Davis (as well as Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey and Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison) is a Director on the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Authority and says that he gets at least 10 calls every month from people seeking rental units, even though he has no input into the placement of people in housing.

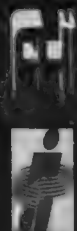
Council were unanimous in their agreement with Davis that the property is not suitable to become a condominium and denied the request. ■



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A Canadian Safari



During a recent visit to the Haliburton area to promote her orphanage in Burkina Faso, Africa, Missionary Lynn Peters was surprised to discover that Haliburton County also has camels. Her visit to the county included a trip to Dennis Debler's farm on the Gelert Road for a "camel safari" and some photos that will no doubt amuse the residents back in Africa.

Apparently, our camels are "friendlier" than those in the small village of Yako, where Peters is building schools and supporting residents in one of the poorest countries on the African continent. Anyone wanting to know more about Lynn Peter's work can visit her web site at: <http://www.bfoafrica.org/>



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Haliburton camel



Burkinan Faso, Africa camel

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New Barnes Book a Welcome for Visitors



Haliburton Resident Michael Barnes, author of over 50 books and a member of the Order of Canada, has already published three books on various aspects of the life and history of his adopted county. But now he's added a fourth, titled Haliburton - in Highland Ontario, which is a kind of tribute to the many businesses, recreational opportunities, and amenities available to visitors and residents alike.

"I did this book entirely on my own ticket," said Barnes. "I received not a penny of public funds - I felt that the county's businesses needed a book like this - to entice more visitors to the area."



Barnes has produced a work that covers a vast amount of territory, from a concise history of the origins of the first European settlement, and aboriginal past to the modern day division of townships and county governments. Along the way he manages to profile literally dozens of businesses, resorts, restaurants, and public institutions that all contribute to the fabric of the county. The book is a very useful and lively reference work for anyone who wishes to visit here, or who lives here and wants to know more about us.

Haliburton - in Highland Ontario is available for \$19.95 from General Store Publishing House at www.gsph.com, or at Masters Books and Undercover Books in Haliburton, Minden Books and Stationary and Rachel's Bakery in Minden, as well as Maple Moon Winery on Highway 118, and at Robinson's General Store in Dorset. ■

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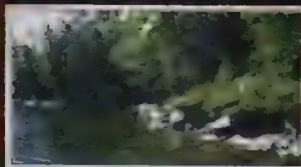
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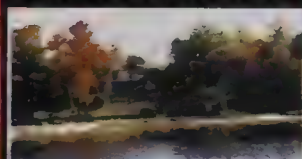
SOUTH LAKE \$339,500



Enjoy year round living with over 300 feet frontage on South Lake. Well built 'Quality' brand home with large sunken living room, open concept kitchen/dining area, walk-out to deck overlooking lake. Basement offer potential for additional bedrooms and or family room, and has walk-out to beach area. Just 10 minutes to town.

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KUSHOG LAKE - \$489,000



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KUSHOG LAKE - \$449,900



4 season home/cottage on prestigious Oliver Road on Kushog Lake. Beautiful mature treed, nicely cleared, gentle sloping lot with 'sunset' west exposure, clean sand shoreline and deep water at docks end. Superb municipal paved access, stunning lakeside decking and docking.

Patti & Hal Johnson ** 236-1234 ex 238

MOUNTAIN LAKE - \$499,000



Estate sale - rare opportunity! 2 sep. deeded direct waterfront lots on Mountain Lake (2 lake chain) offering 190 ft frontage & 1.54 acres of prime lakefront opportunity. Well treed, private setting, expansive stunning view, easy municipal access, loads of parking & clean shoreline w/ lakeside boathouse w/ decking area.

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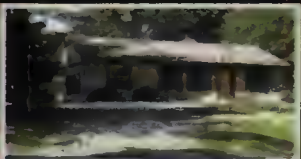
MOORE LAKE \$359,900



Well cared for 3 bedroom waterfront home with full finished basement. This home has a new oak kitchen, FAO heating with central air, a single drive through garage with two openers. This brick bungalow sits on a level lot with easy year round access and has a big lake view. Plus more.

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BEECH RIVER \$299,000



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LITTLE KENNISIS LAKE - \$469,000



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Terri Roberts * 457-2414 ext. 43

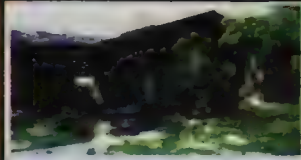
OLD CAMERON RD. - \$30,000



1.41 ACRE back lot on private road off Highway 35 and Sandy Bay Road - nicely treed building lot - old dug well on property - walking distance to Gull Lake.

Susan Johnson * 286-1234

HORSESHOE LAKE - \$599,000



Immaculate 3 plus 1 bdrm waterfront home or cottage. Lge rooms for entertaining w/ cathedral ceilings in living rm, dining rm & kit. Windows recently upgraded & water filtration system. Lower level is a w/o w/ lge bright family rm. This home/cottage is in move-in condition & ready for waterfront living. Plus more.

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Tom Gardner * 286-1234

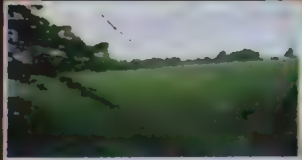
BILLINGS LAKE - \$244,900



This 3 bdrm cottage is located on 200 ft of frontage on Billings Lake. The sloping lot is nicely treed w/ a deck and dock at the shore. Open concept kitchen, dining room and living room with lots of wood paneling and fireplace for that 'cottagey' feel. Also has a garage and storage building.

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BASELINE ROAD - \$224,900



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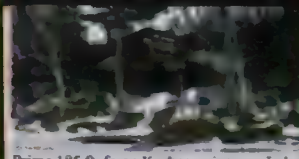
CRYSTAL LAKE - \$149,000



Renovate three bedroom cottage with deeded access to Crystal Lake. Features: drilled well, heated line, fully winterized, full basement, small barn for storage, dock space available. Great beach. Great for ATV or snowmobile. Large 2 acre lot.

Peter Franzen * 286-1234

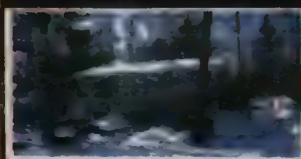
KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE - \$799,900



Prime 185 ft. fr. on Kashagawigamog Lake (5 lake chain) waterfront property with expansive 'sunset' view. Clean shoreline, slightly elevated off lake & directly across the municipal rd from Haliburton Highlands Golf Club just a few minutes from Haliburton Village. Modern 2,300 sq. ft. one storey cedar home w/ dbl gar. & extensive decking, docking & 2 Haliburton rooms! Features a sep. guest suite, cathedral beamed ceilings, plus much more.

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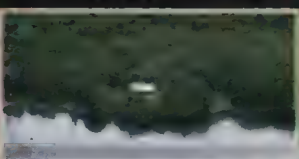
SOUTH LAKE - \$325,000



Clean & neat modern, maintenance free yr old home/cottage w/ approx. 110 ft frontage on South Lake! 3+ bdrm, 2 full bath home offers approx. 1,600 sq. ft. of living space. Features cathedral ceilings, main flr laundry, lge bright kit., fully finished lower level w/ w/o's, wood airtight stove w/ stone decor, plus much more.

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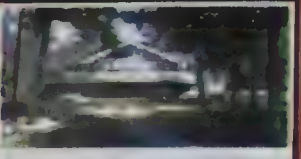
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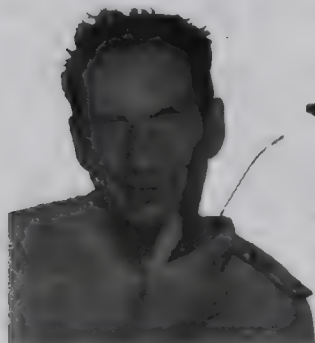
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Loopy rules and my love affair with golf

Rev Donald Francis Gavan, the provisional ball and the real Amen Corner



Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

"Golf is the closest game to the game we call life. You get bad breaks from good shots; you get good breaks from bad shots - but you have to play the ball where

it lies."

Golfing legend Bobby Jones said that. Bobby Jones was a pretty good golfer.

Now I agree with most of the things the good Mr. Jones had to say about golf. But he's dead wrong here.

You don't have to play the ball where it lies.

There are always extenuating circumstances.

In Canada we have spring and fall rules. We have snow rules.

Rules that fly in the face of the Jones dictum. Rules that allow us to move the ball, willy-nilly, and chock a block, dependant on temperature fluctuations, poor grass, bad course maintenance, and the seasonal flux and flow.

On some courses in the Canadian Rockies we have the Grizzly Bear Conditional Rule.

The Grizzly Bear Provisional Drop: Rule 10 - Section VII (part d) states:

"If your ball comes to rest on the big toe of a 900 kilogram male Grizzly, just risen from winter's slumber, you may

of course take a drop and provisional lie exactly 2.5 club lengths - from said Grizzly's right toe. The ball will be played to the right, left or behind the point of progress and not closer to the hole. If the bear eats the ball, you may drop another without penalty. You may not advance the ball closer to the pin, even if the bear is very angry and threatening mayhem. You are golfers not wimps. Suck it up, you whiny pink-plaid-wearing pussies."

When I golf in the Rockies I also like to travel with a high powered rifle loaded with hypodermic darts laced with about 2000 milligrams of Demerol.

After popping one or two Demerols into the Grizzly's rump, it's wise to prod his inert form with your longest club - the Driver - before measuring those 2.5 club lengths. Drop the ball in a place that ensures a good sight line to the resting Grizzly, just so an errant snore or twitch won't interfere with your backswing.

You should of course note that most golf courses frown upon the carrying of high-powered firearms, so I like to plop the rifle in my bag covered with one of those cool Tiger head covers. I remove my one iron to make room for the Winchester.

Everyone knows even God can't hit a one iron. Well, he can, but it's invariably a wide ducking hook. Then He throws a huge hissy fit and Haliburton gets hit with another bloody snowstorm in April, or a dormant volcano suddenly gurgles to life in Alaska.

I learned golf from my uncle, the Reverend Donald Francis Gavan.

He taught me the value of the provisional ball, spring, summer and autumn rules, and the Footjoy wedge.

People have told me that I don't really play golf at all.

"You can't tee up a ball in the fairway for chrissakes!" yells my good friend Mortimer Gas, who is a scratch golfer with a golfing library that required the addition of a 500 square foot addition to his country home. "Who taught you to play golf anyway?" Mortimer is a bit of a pedant when it comes to golf.

"The Reverend Donald Francis Gavan," I tell Mortimer. "And yes you can tee up a ball in the fairway, if your ball just happens to land on a piece of crappy green-tinged concrete masquerading as a lush fairway. It's the ugly summer heat and poor grass management rule, and besides, I'm not good with the three-wood off a flat lie."

Mortimer also gets quite perturbed at my habit of playing three balls off every tee.

"You can't just play three balls for the hell of it!" screams Mortimer. "Who taught you to play golf?"

Mortimer is really an easy-going guy, but get him on a patch of green fairway and he just loses it.

"They're called provisional balls, Mortimer. And it was Father Gavan. Remember?"

"Geez, I don't want to hear that name again," screams Mortimer. "And by definition you play a provisional ball when you think your first ball is lost, not whenever you feel like it. And how do we know which ball you're scoring?"

And here's where you can really drive a playing partner nuts.

"Well, Mortimer, what's a score anyway, in the grand scheme of Zen and green acres? But since you're asking, I always count the lowest of the three-ball parlay. I'm eccentric, but I'm not crazy."

Mortimer Gas is not impressed. I see the worry lines crisscrossing his forehead.

I have been, of late, experimenting with the Happy Gilmour running drive, a method that requires a 10 yard running start from the back of the teebox to the ball.

"That's downright embarrassing, and it looks awful," sighs the Gas man.

I smile at Mortimer.

"Reverend Donald Francis Gavan hit his drives lefty and cross-handed, his irons righty and he putted ambidextrous, and he used to quote Sam Snead. 'Nobody asked how you looked, just what you shot.' Uncle Donnie was a big fan of the Slammin' Sammy bon mot."

"Okay," says Mortimer, smiling, "what did you shoot yesterday?"

"Accounting for three provisionals, and best ball parlay, and allowing for the two brand new Srixons I found in the woods on 12, I was about a three under 68."

"You don't even mark your scorecard!" screams Mortimer.

"Right on. Father Gavan never kept score." I reply.

And I guess that was the final straw. Mortimer suddenly assumed the glowering countenance of Jack Nicholson in the final act of The Shining, and he reached quickly for a suitable weapon from his bag. I know what's coming.

I gallop quickly toward my third ball on the first tee in my best Happy Gilmour and clobber a beautiful screaming faded rainbow that travels at least 310 yards sideways and out into the lake.

"Lucky thing I still have those two provisional balls in the fairway, eh Mortimer?" I shout over my shoulder as I gallop into high gear.

I look back at Mortimer Gas who is chasing me down the fairway, a hybrid club raised menacingly over his head. I'm running, golf bag jangling on my shoulder, and laughing. And I'm thinking: "Geez, what a great game. God, I love golf."

I'm sure that Fr. Donald Francis is watching from heavenly perch, with new partner, St Peter, from the back nine of some cloudy country club, where Amen Corner is a mindset and not a nickname.

And I'm sure that, like me, he's smiling.

"See that Peter. Look at my nephew run. I taught him everything he knows. Now look out, Petey ... third ball comin' at ya' ... Fore!"



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Sports Editor



The annual Figure Skating carnival last Saturday night at Dysart Arena featured some exuberant techno hip-hop, a traditional tango, a little waltz, a country line dance and some never say die zombies who wrapped it all up in a stunning finale based on "the old" Michael Jackson's Thriller video.

A nice touch that, because as frightening as those zombies were, they're not nearly as scary as the new Mikey Jackson.

The exciting Thriller routine, the Carnival finale, featured a full retinue of junior and senior skaters from the Haliburton Figure Skating club.

And Thriller, like the rest of the evening's program, was killer.

Carnival chair and choreographer Lesley Lumley said the evening was a grand success.

"Well, we were very pleased, it went off without a hitch," said Lumley. "Usually in an evening like that there's a glitch, in the music or with the changes, but on Saturday ... it was perfect.

She said that she was also very pleased with the community turnout.

The event was a success on all fronts, and Lumley said that the positive attendance numbers helps to fund the club as they begin preparations for next year.

"We'd really like to thank all of the people who came out," said Lumley. "It takes a community to put on a carnival like this, from parents to volunteers."

The So You Think You Can Dance theme was chosen for its broad appeal, and it gave the club a chance to present its skaters from their individual skating strengths.

And there was some pretty eye-popping talent on display last Saturday at Dysart.

The Thriller routine allowed a lot of the parents in the audience to tap their feet in the stands, while several hip-hop routines allowed some of the senior members of the club to really bust out with some innovative and freestyle interpretations.

Jessica Duchene and Sandi Griffith performed a reprise of a nifty little techno hip-hop piece that won them first place at the annual Interclub skating competition earlier this year.

Another hip-hop routine performed by Casey Pringle and Shyanna Smith placed second at Interclub. Right after that duet all four, Pringle, Smith, Duchene and Griffith performed a four-skater hip-hop skate-off routine that really gave all four girls full rein to bust a move, all to the delight of the packed house.

The little skaters got together for a beautiful little country line dance routine that featured Canslate novices Isaac Little, Archan Petal, Dawson McMullen, Jessica Byers, Kayla Bird, Nicole Cox, Natalya Gimon and Jaime Holden.

The Canslate youngsters also did a beautiful little Mexican hat Dance routine later in the program.

But the real showstopper was a moving little number performed by four members of the learn to skate program that included, Cassidy McMullen, Savannah Byers, Kaitlynne Fischer and Alana Kellar. Hard to tell who was enjoying that more; the kids or the parents and the crowd.

Lumley said that the carnival really relies on its sponsors and she gave a big shout out to Walt McKechnie - owner of McKeck's Place in Haliburton - for "his ongoing support of the Haliburton Figure Skating Club."

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Top: Nicole Cox, Archan Patel, Isaac Little (Country Line Dance)



Above Left: Casey Pringle (Masquerade Waltz)

Above Right: Jessica Mooney, Jen Woolcott (Masquerade Waltz)



Left: Sonja Flatman, Rachael Reddering, Arden Harrop, Claire Karaguesian, Nicole Cox, Natalie Griffin (All That Jazz)

Above: Jessica Karaguesian (Ballet Solo)

Right: Hayley Palmer-Arike (Latin Solo)



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Sonja Flatman, Hanna Reddering, Bethany Little, Jessica Duchene, Alex Little, Ainsley Little, Casey Pringle, Sandy Griffith, Shyanna Smith (Paso Doble)

Haliburton's Chase Thurston finds nice niche in golf

Drive, desire and dedication spurs young golfer's game

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Sports Editor

Chase Thurston is a lucky young man.

One day, on a verdant patch of green, during a round on the Pinestone golf course, he came face to face with one of those ghostly glimmers.

Oprah might call it a eureka moment.

Chase Thurston calls it a feeling.

A sudden realization that embraced him with swift certain clarity.

"I had played golf a bit when I was younger, but in grade seven or eight I started taking it seriously," says Thurston. "And as soon as I started playing seriously I just realized, suddenly, that I was going to play golf. I was going to be a professional golfer. I was going to do this for a living."

The feeling was stunningly clear and vivid, says Thurston.

Today the 18-year-old Hal High graduate – and two time Red Hawk golfing MVP – is well on his way to realizing some goals.

The clarity remains. He's playing golf, and working on his game full time.

Today the clarity rests in solid thump of club to ball. On the gentle roll of a ball on soft grass toward the pin. On the green fairways and in the gripping sand.

For Chase Thurston the clarity still shines through every facet of his burgeoning game.

The clearest thing about this betimes-befuddling game? "It's a big commitment," laughs Thurston. "And if you want to get better you have to leave Canada."

Sitting in his Haliburton living room, on a cold Friday in April, Chase Thurston is tanned and fit.

The tan is imported from Florida. He's attending the prestigious Core Junior Golf Academy in Orlando.

He left Haliburton last October to attend the Core Academy. Thurston was home last week for a brief spring hiatus, the golf academy's version of spring break.

The last six months have been very productive.

The crack staff of golf professionals running the academy has added edge, savvy and some gut-wrenching mental toughness to his game, says Thurston. Full days of conditioning, tournaments and practice rounds have shaved several strokes from his handicap, and the daily 7:30 am to dusk regimen has served to cement a heady appreciation for the mind-numbing work ethic necessary and vital to making it as a touring pro.

There is a professional atmosphere at Core Academy, and during his tenure at the school, Thurston has been able to meet many professional golfers and see first hand what it takes to survive on the pro tour. The home course of the Core Golf Academy is also one of the regular alternate sites for the PGA's Qualifying School.

Two weekends ago, while a lot of people had to settle for watching Sean O'Hair and Tiger Woods trade flailing punches at the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill on television, Thurston, along with some of his Core Golf schoolmates were walking the course in person.

His winter home at the Core Golf Academy is just down the road from Bay Hill. He lives at the Florida home of Dr. Craig Davies in a house that doubles as a dormitory for five junior players. During a regular semester, there may be up to 10 guys and 3 girls attending the academy at any one time.

Davies also mentors PGA Tour clients such as Anthony Kim and Hunter Mahan. Davies is assisted by another Canadian treasure, Sean Foley, an unusually gifted and world-renowned swing coach, who is working with O'Hair and Kim among others on the PGA Tour.

Davies, a 31-year-old native of Niagara Falls, Ont., is Director of Fitness and Nutrition at Core Golf Junior Academy. His personal and comprehensive one-on-one tutelage also keeps Davies in high demand among some of the best players in the world, including PGA Tour regulars Mahan, Kim, Stephen Ames, Robert Allenby, Parker McLachlin, Greg Kraft, John Rollins, as well as the Nationwide's Jon Mills.

Along with Foley and Performance Enhancement Consultant Neale Smith, Davies is a key part of one of the most dynamic instructional teams in the golf world.

"Craig, Sean and Neale provide us with an incredibly talented team of coaches," says Jeff Hay, Director of Operations at the Core Golf Junior Academy. "They are highly regarded on the PGA Tour by their clients and peers for their youthful energy, intelligence and innovative approaches to their respective fields."

Thurston says the world-class coaching has done wonders for his game. "We work very hard with the coaches and I'm learning a lot about, fitness, nutrition and especially the importance of the mental aspect of the game," says Thurston. "I like to practice by myself, and I work a lot on my short game. You have to be on top of that short game, or you are not going to make low numbers."



A typical day at the Core Golf Academy starts early. Davies's wife Andrea acts as 'den mother' to the five or six juniors in the house.

"We get up at 7:30, head to the gym and work out for an hour and a half," says Thurston. Then there's breakfast, shower and onto the course at 11 am. "We start our practice and we're hitting until about 2:30 in the afternoon." And that's when the fun begins. From 2:30 to dusk, they work on some set programs, under the watchful eyes of Foley, or one of the other coaches.

Some days he'll work with Tom Jackson, president of the Core Golf group, which includes several other Core schools located in Ontario.

They play a full eighteen holes about twice a week, play nine most days and they are involved in junior tournament play on most weekends.

Thurston has already distinguished himself as one of the rising stars at the academy this season.

He won the Future Collegians World Tour event at Saddlebrook Resort in Wesley Chapel, Florida in early March. The week before that Thurston captured a Florida Junior Tour event in Tallahassee.

Both wins came on the heels of a minor injury that slowed his early progress

at the Academy. "I tore a muscle in my shoulder and that sidelined me for a couple of weeks, but I came back to win two tournaments out of the five I played," smiles Thurston.

This summer he will be working and playing out of OslerBrook Golf and Country Club in Collingwood.

Jackson runs the golf academy at OslerBrook and will continue to provide efficient, and edgy tutelage for Thurston this summer.

He stays at his aunt and uncle's home in Collingwood and will be interspersing his work routine with daily practice and some tournaments.

Thus far he has committed to play the Ontario Men's Amateur and the Ontario Men's Match Play tournaments. He will also be playing the Ontario Junior and the Ontario Junior Match Play tournaments, and in July he will travel back to Florida to take part in the Florida State Junior Tournament.

It's a busy schedule. Lots of golf. Lots of pressure.

He says that perhaps the one thing that has been ingrained in the course of his six months at Core Golf Academy is an intuitive ability to deal with the pressure. He's watched Davies working with the pros like Stephen Ames and O'Hair and Mahan.

He says he's learned from watching. And he's also benefited from that cauldron of weekly competition.

"I go out each day and I set goals," says Thurston. "It's now my life and my job. I treat it as a job, and I go out and work hard."

Right now, he says, there are NCAA scholarship offers to look at. He may, if the right scholarship comes along, entertain the idea of playing university golf. However, nothing is written in stone. Players come to the PGA from university, and they enter through the Q-School.

How you get on tour is not as important as the passion you bring to the table explains Thurston.

And this is not all encompassing, or totally consuming, this passion and this zeal. He has also learned to balance life and golf. The yin and the yang.

The golf, then, is tempered with a firm notion of the importance of family.

"I realize what a commitment this has been for my family," says Thurston.

Indeed, Chantal and Rod Thurston and his sister Molly have been very supportive of the dream. A dream that started with a moment.

On the course at Pinestone here in Haliburton.

Maybe eureka, or maybe just that clear siren call of the niggling notion.

A moment and a notion that you just instinctively know Chase Thurston will carry with him.

Wherever it leads. ■



Brampton and Mississauga are tied 2-2 in their OHL Best Of Seven series. St. Mike's Majors won 4-3 in overtime on Tuesday evening. Series continues tonight in Mississauga.

Duchene and Hodgson hope to get back on track this week

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Cody Hodgson (above) leads the Brampton battalion in playoff scoring.

Matthew Duchene has three game winning goals thus far into the Ontario Hockey League playoffs.

Duchene scored two game winners in their opening round 4-0 series sweep against the Peterborough Petes and he also notched the pivotal game winner in a 2-1 victory over Mississauga St Mike's Majors last Friday April 3rd. The troop won their series opener 3-0 on Thursday April 2nd.

That 2-1 victory gave the Battalion a 2-0 lead in the best of seven series, but last Sunday, St. Mike's rebounded with a 5-1 victory, a win that effectively doused a 10-game Battalion winning streak. The Battalion won its last four regular season games before launching a 6-0 playoff streak. Coincidentally their last loss was a 4-1 defeat at the hands of the St Mike's Majors on March 6.

The win last Sunday in Brampton gives St Mike's some working room in a series that was never par-

played as a cakewalk. McCollum knows how to shake off the losses, and he also knows what it takes to win. He is also blessed with an uncanny ability to rebound after a bad game.

"If you're winning all the time, you run the risk of getting too comfortable and taking shortcuts," said McCollum. "It's almost good to lose, because that can shake everything up and remind you that you need to get back to the things that you were doing right that got you all those wins in the first place. I'm confident we can do that."

McCollum also has faith in the unflagging ability of the big three, Hodgson, Duchene, and Grachev, to put the puck in the net. He admits that his team may have been flat last Sunday, but he's optimistic that the whole team will benefit from the experience. "I don't think any of the guys really thought they played well [Sunday], but this is a resilient group, and being an older team helps a lot too. We know what we need to do. We need guys getting hard into the forecheck and playing a physical game. We need to get back to that defensive style that was winning us games."

Hodgson logged two assists in the 3-0 series opener against St. Mike's. Grachev notched the winner.

Duchene notched the winner in the 2-1 win over the Majors last Friday.

Last Saturday Hodgson offered some words that proved quite insightful in light of what happened the next day.

"It was a tough road win, but we scraped it out," said Hodgson on Saturday. "McCollum was great for us back there. You won't get too many fancy goals in a series like this. This game was more like what we thought the series would be like."

And now, up 2-1 in a tough series against a scrappy St. Mike's team that possesses some firepower of its own, the Battalion are looking to retain that focus which has sustained them through the season.

Solid defense, a triple magnum scoring pop and the steady presence of a solid netminder.

played as a cakewalk.

It is, after all, the second round of the playoffs and most of the remaining teams bring their own set of strengths and a little sumthin'-sumthin' to the table.

For the Battalion, strength comes from offense and there was precious little of that in evidence last Sunday. They also have been relying on the huge input of goaltender Thomas McCollum, acquired from Guelph in a trade on Jan 9th. McCollum played for the US National squad in the World Juniors in January and he has been a solid and steady presence in the Battalion nets since joining them shortly after the Junior Championships ended.

Head coach Stan Butler said the Battalion suffered from overall lack of readiness last Sunday but also singled out McCollum.

"The difference today was that they (St. Mike's) came to play right from the opening whistle," said Butler. "Our guys didn't come out as hard as they needed to, and that's something they should have done, knowing how tough the first two games of the series were to win." Butler also said that the Majors typically took advantage of everything that they were given, including some fairly easy chances in the vicinity of the battalion crease. "They took advantage of their chances, and it wasn't one of Thomas's more stellar games. We weren't sharp around their net. We have good, skilled players, and usually when we get those chances we take advantage of them. Hopefully, this is a good learning experience for our guys."

The two teams knocked heads again last Tuesday in Mississauga [score too late for press] and will be facing off again tonight in Brampton. Game six is slated for Mississauga on Friday.

Team captain and Haliburton cottager Cody Hodgson continues to lead the Battalion in playoff scoring with 3 goals and 11 assists in his 7 game stretch.

The Russian Warhead Evgeny Grachev has five and five in seven and Duchene has five goals - including those three game-winners - and four assists in his seven game playoff stretch.

The offence, in spite of the hiccup last Sunday, is going to continue to score, but in the playoffs goaltending sets the agenda, especially in the cauldron of the OHL playdowns.

McCollum has been solid to this point in the playoffs and again, except for Sunday, he has been a stellar presence between the pipes. He is carrying an impressive 2.28 goals against average in seven playoff games.

He's a confident young man and he remains optimistic that he will be able to right the ship, beginning Tuesday.

"There's nothing we can do about it now," McCollum said [via the team's spokesman] after that first Battalion playoff loss last Sunday. "We'll take whatever positives we can find from it and look at the mistakes and do what we can to correct them. Anybody who knows me knows I hate to lose. But it's part of the game, and we need to come out strong [Tuesday] night."

Figure Skating Cont'd....

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She also thanked Julie Barban from Heritage Ballet for the assistance with costuming. The Haliburton Figure Skating Club also wanted to thank Dani Smolen of the TUTU Café, and Brad Sales from Cordell Interiors for their participation in the program.

Two other Haliburton area skaters also played a big part in the night, but they couldn't make it to the performance because of a prior commitment to the Brampton Battalion of the OHL.

Cody Hodgson and Matthew Duchene graciously provided the Grand Prizes for the Raffle, and that was made possible with the help of Vince and Chris Duchene, Jennifer's and Matt's parents. Vince pulled the three raffle winners from the drum.

Claire Mooney won the first place raffle prize of a signed and framed photo of Matt and Cody. Larry Little won the second place prize of a signed Matt Duchene hockey stick and Derek Little won the Larry Little Skate Bag on wheels.

Lumley said she also owed a big debt of gratitude to all of the parents and especially the volunteers who worked so hard all year to make this season such a resounding success.

"We had a great year, but it's nice for all of our volunteers to have a chance to take a little break," said Lumley, who wrapped the season up the HFSC season at their annual meeting last Monday night.

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What's Up Doc?

By Carol Sanio, DVM,
Minden Animal Hospital

It is difficult if not impossible to read a pet food label and know what is in the food. The manufacturers know what people want to see on the label and can make them read the way the consumer wants to see them. Not always will they be misleading intentionally. The lack of rules governing labeling makes it difficult to compare labels.

How many dog food labels say that meat is the first ingredient, therefore, the largest percentage on the nutrient list? Lots. Dogs are not carnivores. They should not be eating only meat or even mainly meat. They are much like humans, they are omnivores. By definition that means: an animal or person that eats food of both plant and animal origin. The all chicken diets would definitely not fit into that definition and would not be considered proper nutrition for a dog.

Choosing a pet food from among the multitude of cans and bags stacked on shelves can be a daunting experience. Which pet food brand is best, what life stage is my pet in, is an "all natural" or "organic" diet the best for my pet? How can you decide what to feed your pet? The best advice you can get is from your veterinarian who knows your pet, the life stage and medical issues. I read that in the US more than \$11 billion is spent a year on cat and dog food. That is big business. The pet food manufacturers compete for these dollars by trying to make their products stand out among the many types. Cute advertising with adorable puppies and kittens work well on many of us. Even if I do not believe in what they are selling, the ads are a hit with me. Pet food packaging carries such descriptive words as "senior," "premium," "veterinary recommended," "hairball," "indoor cat," "outdoor cat," "cat in a hat" (just checking!) and "all-natural" among others. These terms, however, have no standard definition or regulatory meaning. The one that is most concerning is the phrase "recommended by veterinarians". It has no regulatory meaning, no minimum number or percentage of veterinarians is needed to state that the product is recommended by veterinarians. Sometimes they are recommended but out of context, for a specific problem and there is no way of knowing if your pet has the problem it was recommended for. Going back a few years when veterinarians were looking for novel protein sources to feed animals with possible food allergies, we recommended lamb and rice diets. Now it is in so many foods, a marketing ploy claiming it is a "veterinary recommended" diet and now it is hardly novel and totally useless as a diet to rule out food allergies. It forced us to go for more unique and much more expensive novel proteins like kangaroo, pheasant etc.

What to check on a label?

The information panel on the pet food contains some useful information for establishing the purpose and quality of a food. In general, this part of the label will include an ingredient statement, a guaranteed analysis, a nutritional adequacy statement, feeding guidelines, and information about the identity of the manufacturer or distributor of the food.

The Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) is a nonregulatory body in the United States composed of state and federal regulators who develop model legislation for member states to use. AAFCO permits pet food manufacturers a choice of methods for proving the nutritional adequacy of their products.

The first method is by calculation. Using information on the nutrient content of the ingredients (from food composition tables), the manufacturer shows that the product meets established nutrient guidelines. The second method is by analysis. The manufacturer analyses the finished product and shows that it meets established nutrient guidelines. The last method is by running feeding trials. AAFCO has devised protocols for feeding trials for growth, maintenance and gestation/lactation. The criteria for adequacy include growth rate, development, clinical health, hematological responses, and reproductive/lactation performance.

It is obvious that the feeding trial method is the most stringent and biologically relevant method for showing nutritional adequacy. It is also the most expensive. You should look for the word "feeding" in the life stage claim which would mean the food was proven nutritionally adequate in animal feed tests. This is really the only method to be sure the food is adequate for your pet. The ingredient statement on a label is the part most consumers read. There are a multitude of concerns, beliefs, and myths about pet food ingredients. Often purchases are made based on the absence or presence of certain ingredients or the order in which they appear on a label. Unfortunately, ingredient statements are often misleading, although not necessarily intentionally so. In many cases ingredients are regulated to be listed on the label by weight on an "as is" basis. Therefore, ingredients containing substantial amounts of water will be listed ahead of ingredients with less water, even though on balance, it might contribute a greater percentage of the protein in the

Fido Food

finished product. There can still be an extreme range in the quality (e.g., digestibility and bioavailability of nutrients) within any ingredient category.

The guaranteed analysis, gives information about the average content of the food or at least minimum and maximum values for certain key components such as protein, fat, and fiber. Since this is again reported on an "as is" basis, it is not possible for consumers to simply compare labels to make selections of foods based, for example, on protein or fat content. Unless two foods are identical in moisture, fat, and fiber content, "as is" comparisons can be inaccurate. It is absolutely true that 2 products with the same guaranteed analysis can have the nutrient levels vary as much as 100%. A combination of ingredients such as old shoes, motor oil, crushed coal and water meet the following guaranteed analysis typical for pet foods. Crude protein min. 6.0%, Crude Fat min. 4.0%, Crude Fiber max. 6.3 %, Moisture max 78.0%, Ash max. 2.7%. It is obvious from the above that the ingredient panel and guaranteed analysis on labels are not guarantees of nutritional quality as anyone reading the guaranteed analysis above would say that was a desirable analysis for canned dog food. No one would feed that to their dog and there is no nutritional value in it. You cannot read a label and know the nutritional quality or content. One useful bit of information for consumers is to have a basic understanding of percentage rules. The rules vary a bit depending on the country of origin. While the specific percentage may vary, in general, for countries that have regulations governing the naming of products, the rules work as follows. Products named as a sole ingredient, e.g., Tuna, contain the most of that ingredient (70-100%, excluding additives). Products that have a modifier added to the ingredient name, e.g., Tuna Dinner or Tuna Feast, contain 10-70% of that ingredient. Products named using the term "with" (e.g., With Tuna) contain 3-10% of the named ingredient. Products named with the term flavor (e.g., Tuna Flavor) often contain significantly less than 3%. The nutritional adequacy statement is one of the most important parts of the label, because it is this statement that will tell the consumer the species and life stage the product is intended for and whether the food is a complete diet or best used as a supplementary product. While Canada does not require a nutritional adequacy statement on pet food labels, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) has developed a voluntary program for certification of pet foods. The CVMA goes beyond the AAFCO regulations in not only stipulating protocols for feeding trials, but also protocols for digestibility feeding trials. Feeding guidelines are generally required on pet food labels, but can vary greatly in detail. In addition, there are no standards for what constitutes adequate intake for different species and lifestages. Guidelines are just that, guidelines. You need to watch your pets growth or weight gain or loss and adjust the amount fed accordingly.

Despite an effort in many countries to regulate pet food labels so that they provide accurate information, many questions of concern to the consumer still go unanswered. Many labels currently do not provide easily accessible information about nutrient content, caloric density, quality and identity of ingredients (including slaughter practices and presence of GMOs), bioavailability of nutrients, standards of nutritional adequacy, freshness and stability. Another topic for another article.

It is up to the informed consumer to ask questions of the manufacturers and their veterinarians to investigate the nutritional claims made by any one pet food company. The labeling laws do need to be modified so it will be much less misleading. Feeding trials are a must to be sure you are not feeding "old shoes" with no nutritional content and yet a proper guaranteed analysis. The stamp of approval by AAFCO and CVMA are a must for all those consumers concerned about their pet's nutrition. We as veterinarians ask daily the food being fed to the pets and can often relate that to the condition and health of their pets. Although, not a scientific way of testing the food, over time, it is obvious which pets are enjoying the better foods. I counsel my clients to use premium diets because the proof is in the (pet food) pudding. They do better on the better foods, no doubt.

Things to Consider When Evaluating a Pet Food

Is the nutritional adequacy statement based on feeding trials?
Is there a phone number on the label for consumer inquiries?
Do they offer a 100% money back guarantee?

If there is a way to contact the manufacturer (you should not buy if you cannot contact them) then call them and ask about AAFCO feeding trials, CVMA stamp, do they have an R and D department, where do they get their raw ingredients from, how do they know they are reputable sources, do they change sources frequently, do they test after each run and the finished product for ingredients, quality and safety, how do they determine stability of the food? Do they base their marketing claims on sound scientific data or on a gimmick? Check out their promotional material and you can likely determine it from there. Although this not an exhaustive list of

Reading Pet food labels

things to ask, it is a start. There are many more very important parts to consider when looking for a pet food that are beyond the scope of this article. I have not even touched on the dietary supplements or vitamin and mineral content and the extra requirement in cats and seniors for certain additives. This comes into play when looking at the life stage of the animal and the species.

It is best to be informed, use the information from the organizations that test the food and let your pet show you how much better they do on the premium diets. Your pet and your pocket book with thank you in the long run.

For week of April 13/09

Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You are drawn to excitement and enjoy fast-tempo music, with the more brass, the better.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Professional relationships grow stronger. But you might still need to ease some problems with someone in your personal life. One way could be to try to be less rigid in your views.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You might be too close to that perplexing personal situation to even attempt to make a rational decision about it right now. Stepping back could help you gain a wider perspective.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Being asked to choose between the positions of two friends is an unfair imposition on you. Best to reject the demand and insist they try harder to work things out on their own.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A change of mind about a workplace decision might be called for once you hear more arguments, pro. and con. A personal event suddenly takes an unexpected (but pleasant!) turn.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Romance once again looms large for single Leos and Leonas, with Cupid favoring Taurus and Libra to inspire those warm and fuzzy Leonine feelings. Expect another workplace change.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A surprise gift -- and, happily, with no strings attached -- could come just when you need it to avoid a delay in getting your project done. Expect education to dominate the week.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Someone close to you might ask for your support as she or he faces a demanding personal challenge. Offer it, by all means. But be careful you don't neglect your own needs at this time.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An unexpected development could put your relationship with a partner or spouse to an emotionally demanding test. But your determination to get to the truth should save the day.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A recent agreement appears to be coming apart over the surfacing of unexpected complications. You might need to have expert advice on how to resolve the situation.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your keen business sense helps you get to the truth about a suspicious business deal. Expect to have many colleagues rally to support your efforts in this important matter.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Someone who once moved in and out of your life over the years might now want to come back in on a more permanent basis. Give yourself a lot of time to weigh your decision.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Showing frustration over a delayed workplace decision might get someone's attention, but not necessarily make him or her move any sooner. Best advice would be to be patient and wait it out.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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ISAAC ASIMOV'S SUPER QUIZ

Take this Isaac Asimov's Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

Subject: ADVERTISING AND SLOGANS

Identify the product or company associated with the slogan or ad. (e.g., "Stronger than dirt.")
Answer: Ajax.

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. "I can't believe I ate the whole thing."
Answer:

2. "Don't leave home without it."
Answer:

3. "Reach out and touch someone."
Answer:

4. "It's not nice to fool Mother Nature!"
Answer:

5. "Our repairmen are the loneliest guys in town."
Answer:

GRADUATE LEVEL

6. "Sometimes you feel like a nut, sometimes you don't."
Answer:

7. "Zoom-Zoom."
Answer:

8. "The milk chocolate that melts in your mouth, not in your hand."
Answer:

9. "We will sell no wine before its time."
Answer:

10. "Because so much is riding on your tires."
Answer:

Answer: _____

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11. "Promise her anything, but give her _____!"
Answer:

12. "We'll leave a light on for you."
Answer:

13. "Take it off. Take it all off."
Answer:

14. "Cover the earth."
Answer:

15. "With a name like _____, it has to be good."
Answer:

ANSWERS:

1. Alka-Seltzer. 2. American Express. 3. AT&T (Bell Systems). 4. Chiffon margarine. 5. Maytag Appliances. 6. Mounds/Almond Joy. 7. Mazda. 8. M&M's. 9. Paul Masson wines. 10. Michelin. 11. Arpege perfume. 12. Motel 6. 13. Noxzema. 14. Sherwin-Williams paints. 15. Smucker's (J. M. Smucker Company).

SCORING:

24 to 30 points — congratulations, doctor; 18 to 23 points — honors graduate; 13 to 17 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 5 to 12 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 4 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

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6 Rent
11 Light touch
14 Baseball's Maglie
17 Ed of "Married ... with Children"
19 Novelist Leonard
21 Actress Hagen
22 Nav. rank
23 Start of a remark by 93 Across
27 Actor Chaney
28 — Margaritas, Mexico
29 Nutritional abbr.
30 Deck of destiny
31 "— Coming" ('69 song)
33 Holy
37 Tranquil
38 Part 2 of remark
41 Like Kojak
42 Chiliwack's country
43 See 35
44 Slippery swimmer
45 Orthodox image
49 Pakistani language

50 — Carta
51 Shoe type
52 Pindaric poem
53 Hum bug?
54 Mideastern rulers
56 Tooth —
57 Energy source
58 Plant disease
60 Deli buy
62 Prelim
63 Part 3 of remark
68 Alaskan city
70 "Untouchable" Ness
71 "Seinfeld" character
73 — vera
74 Cheer-leader's maneuver
76 Hands (out)
78 Gnome's kin
80 Troop grp.
81 Buster Brown's dog
82 Florida city
84 Maugham's "The Razor's —"
85 Disney dog
87 — standstill
88 Jeremy of "Brideshead Revisited"
89 Combat mission
91 Give off

93 Speaker of remark
95 Fix
98 One of the Judds
100 Smell — (be suspicious)
101 Gather
102 Fast flier
103 Singer Sumac
104 Large tub
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121 Demi or Dudley
122 Hook on a hawk

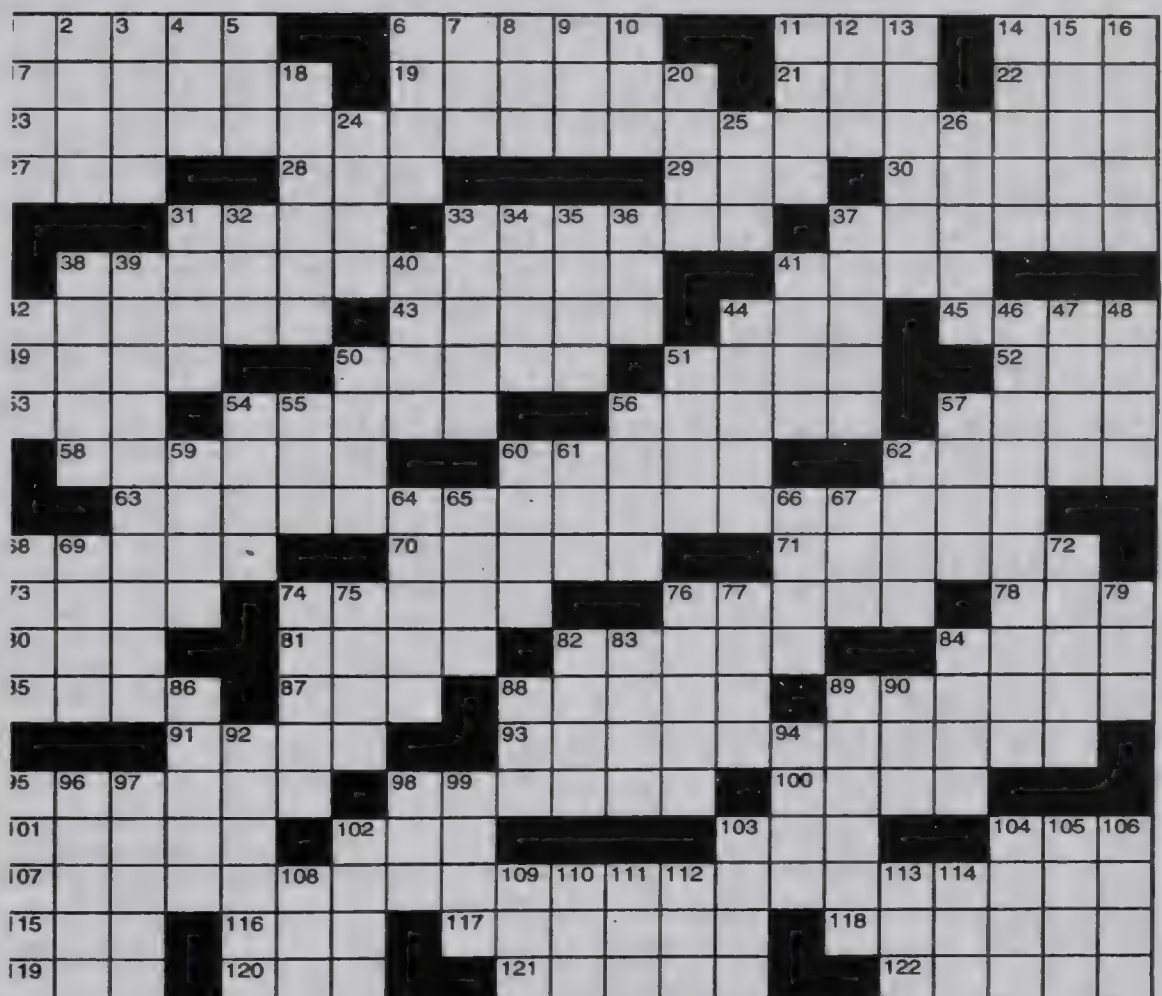
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6 Tourists' neckwear
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8 Current unit
9 Impresario Hurok

10 Before, to Byron
11 Sousa-phone's cousin
12 Tucked in
13 Soft tone
14 Induce the jitters
15 Chef's shield?
16 Lenya or Lehmann
18 Actress Davidovich
20 Raison d'—
24 Obi, for instance
25 Curious — Gras
26 — Son of Isaac
32 Inc., in England
33 Unexpected obstacles
34 Related
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43 Across, famed puppeteer
36 Env. abbr.
37 Like some pretzels
38 Martin or Leto
39 Grasped
40 Steel beam
41 Endure
42 Tiny tiger
44 Yale or Root
46 Began to like
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48 Verne captain
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51 Express
54 Humorist Bombeck
55 Curly poker?
56 '78 Stallone flick
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60 Make argyles
61 — Dinh Diem
62 Lupino and Cantor
64 Hagar the Horrible's wife
65 First name in tennis
66 Actress Wilson
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68 Novelist
69 "Casa-blanca" character
72 — Marbles
74 Flight segment
75 English statesman
76 Virile
77 In addition
79 Charge
82 Spoken

83 Command to Fido
84 Formerly, formerly
86 It makes rye high
88 Adjective suffix
89 Juan's wrap
90 "Sat — tuffet ..."
92 Accident
94 Siren
95 Dread-locked one
96 High-tech missives
97 Singer Freda
98 Horse's relative
99 Forest father
102 February forecast
103 Knight time
104 Perfume bottle
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113 Legendary Giant
114 — Na Na

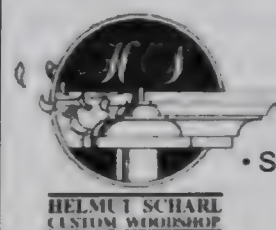
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It seems everyone in the Highlands is talking about it. "Do we freeze our Economic Development plans?" "What does tax-harmonization really mean?" "We can absolutely not afford to lose a week of the tourist trade due to an early return to school" "It's all about marketing!" "Until our investments regain their former value, we're spending less!" "More folks are phoning for help." Here in the hills and out there in the global chaos – whether for the business owner, artist, retiree, church or council, the bottom line is that the economy is different now.

What's different, writes Richard Florida in an article about a new economy in the Atlantic, is "it no longer revolves around simply making and moving things. It depends on generating and transporting ideas. Places that thrive," he claims, "will be those with the highest velocity of ideas and the highest density of talented creative people, and the highest rate of metabolism". Carol Kilby from the Gaia Centre for Eco-Spirituality and Sustainable Work believes he could be describing Haliburton County. Rich in volunteerism, experience and creativity and made up of artists, retirees, innovative small businesses and not-for-profits, she says: "Our community is a perfect place for a conversation on what is being named a creative economy."

Because a crisis is a terrible thing to waste, a claim made by Paul Romer, professor at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Economics, Gaia Centre and the R.D. Lawrence Place are sponsoring a workshop called From Crisis To Innovation on Friday, April 24th. The facilitator is international speaker and storyteller Jennifer Morgan from Princeton, N.J. Ms Morgan holds an MBA from Rutgers University and has worked with all economic sectors. She will speak about how we can learn from science how the universe creates inside of chaos and apply those lessons directly in our own organizations. If you operate a business, serve a not-for-profit board, or on a municipal council this is an important opportunity to think beyond the financial limitations. The invitation is to come together to think and talk about creative possibilities.

The workshop will facilitate discussions on how our organizations are changing, what is our mission in the current economic environment, and how transformation happens inside of crisis. Topics will include embracing change and loving it, individual development inside a changing organization and world, and new and surprising partnerships that can emerge. Organizers hope a diverse gathering of voices will be part of the conversation including the social services, municipal leaders, churches and business operators. Participants will certainly take away helpful insights and tools for short and long term planning for the shifting economic times ahead.

What's needed for a new and sustainable economy? The answer offered in the international magazine article resonates locally: a more concentrated geography, one that allows more people to mix more freely and interact more efficiently, a landscape that can accommodate and accelerate invention, innovation and creation. Coffee, muffins, and networking begins at 8:30 am. The workshop will run from 9 am to noon at R.D. Lawrence Place, 176 Bobcaygeon Rd. in Minden. The morning will include lecture, storytelling, reflection, and discussion. Tickets are \$25. Spaces are limited. You can register at 705 7654 2427. ■



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DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Helene," refuses to speak to me for days or even weeks. When I try to find out why or talk to her, she ignores me. She has moved into another bedroom, which has become her own little domain. She refuses to have sex or even watch TV with me.

I have no reason to believe Helene is cheating, and I am certainly not cheating on her. We are raising my son from a previous marriage, and sometimes I wonder if this is what is bugging her.

My ex-wife lives in another state, and we communicate only once in a while. My boy is a pre-teen, and Helene and I have had him since he was a baby. He considers her his "Mama," and she considers him her son.

I am very much in love with my wife, and I can't figure this out. Can people just fall out of love?
-- FREEZING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR FREEZING: Rarely. More often they are either pushed or lured away.

As much as you love your wife, I hope you realize that her behavior is both passive-aggressive and abusive. Could she have emotional problems? Whatever has caused her to withdraw, unless she's willing to talk things out like a mature adult, there is no way to fix the problem.

Your marriage is in serious trouble. It's time to consult a licensed marriage and family counselor. If your wife won't go, you should go alone.

DEAR ABBY: Our 23-year-old daughter, "Kristy," lives at home. She works full time and goes to school, but lives here with free room and board, cable TV, etc. She has been seeing a man for a month and now is spending two or three nights a week at "his place."

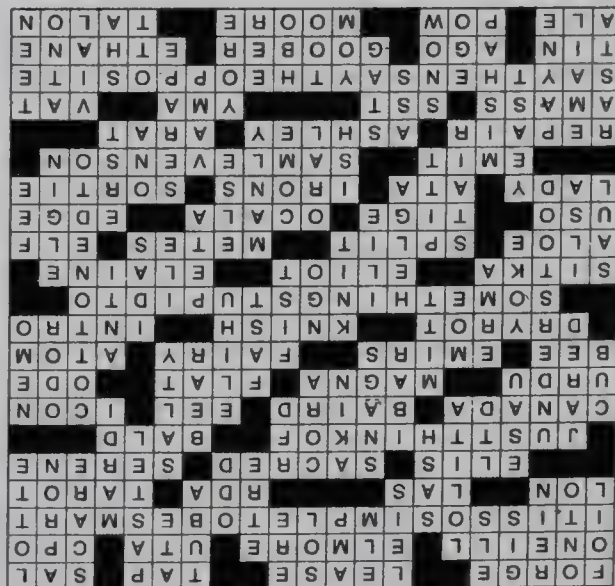
I am not unreasonable or naive, but I feel that because Kristy is living under my roof, she should live by my rules, which do not include sleeping over at some man's house after only one month of dating. To top it off, we have never met him, although we have asked several times to be introduced.

We know that Kristy is an adult, but I believe that as an adult she should have enough respect for us to refrain from spending the night at his place until she knows him better and we have at least met him. Am I being unreasonable?

My wife throws up her hands and says, "What can we do?" I believe parenting does not end at 18. I am not a prude, but this seems wrong to me. Any advice?
-- DAD IN DISTRESS

DEAR DAD: Your daughter is a self-supporting adult with a full-time job, so stop treating her like a child. It is her right to come and go as she pleases, but if she does, she should have a place of her own. That way she won't be obligated to introduce you to her men friends, some of whom might not feel ready to meet her father. It will give her some degree of privacy, and you can keep your illusions about your daughter intact.

Bottom line: It is your house. You and your wife have every right to make the rules and be comfortable in it. My advice is to suggest kindly to Kristy that all of you might be happier if she got an apartment.



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Lifts Help Raise the Bar on Health and Safety

Installations Complete in Minden and Haliburton, Fundraising Continues

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

The remainder of the 70 stationary ceiling lifts that the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) is helping to purchase were installed at the Highland Wood long-term care facility in Haliburton on Wednesday, March 25.

The ceiling lifts are the second priority on the list in the HHHSF's "Reach for the Future" \$2.5 million campaign. The first successful fundraising initiative the not-for-profit group was involved with was in the purchases of Picture Archiving Communication Systems (PACS).

The lifts, which came in at a cost of \$361,000, were also recently installed at the Minden hospital and the Highland Wood facility.

The foundation will commence this new phase of their campaign by presenting \$31,000 to Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS), which will reduce the initial cost of acquiring the lifts. Funds donated from the spring mailings (i.e. patient newsletters) and special events this year will further reduce the balance cost of the lifts. ■



Far left: Personal support care worker Marlene Robinson, Highland Wood Resident Mabel Costain, Registered nurse Angie Tomlinson and personal support worker Nancy Cowan.



Above: Registered nurse Angie Tomlinson, HHHS President & CEO Paul Rosebush, Mabel Costain, HHHSF director David Zilstra and HHHSF Executive Director Dale Walker.

Below: Lowering down Mabel on the lift.

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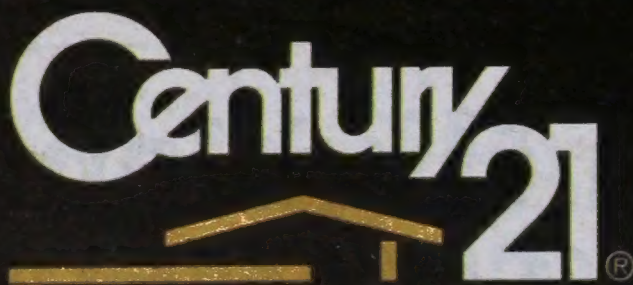
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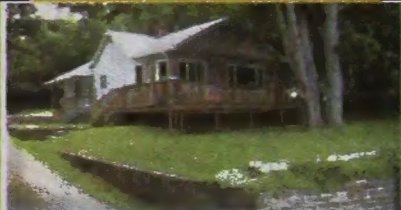
Custom Built Cottage \$894,900



Immaculate Custom Built Executive Cottage with 100 ft of prime waterfront. 2,300 sqft. 4 BR, 23 ft. vaulted ceiling, granite FP, dbl garage & more. Yr md rd & South exp.

Wilf VanLieshout - 457-2128

Recently Renovated! \$189,900



3 BR home, large kitchen, hardwood floors, stone f/p, large rec room could be 4th bed, w/attached single car garage, walk to all the amenities of Haliburton.

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Exceptional Value \$249,000



Premium 5 lake chain, tremendous boating and fishing, great access, beautiful trees and awesome 3 bedroom cottage finished in pine! Best value on the market.

Derrell and Kim Stamp 457-2128

Minden Lake \$364,900



3 BR home/cottage with 167' of waterfront on picturesque Minden Lake. Quiet neighbourhood, great swimming, fishing & near White Water Reserve. Simply move in.

Paul Szpik - 457-2128

Eagle Lake Area \$219,900



3 BR, 2 bath chalet on over 3 acres of forested property with private pond. Open concept with large kitchen, private master floor with ensuite.

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128

Wonderful Privacy \$299,900



Great 3 BR cottage with pine floors throughout, cathedral ceiling, woodstove on a beautiful well treed private property. West exp. on a quiet no motor lake.

Mark Denny 457-2128

Green Lake \$239,900



Beautiful south facing lot with sand beach and great low maintenance 4 yr old home with full partially finished basement.

Lee Gauthier 489-9968

Haliburton Lake - \$349,900



Prime waterfront on one of Haliburton's most desired lakes. 3 BR, open concept, on the edge of the lake. 100 ft of sand beach, west exposure.

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Minden Bungalow \$249,900



Newly renovated brick bungalow with newer kitchen, ensuite bath and two garages off circular driveway. Immaculately kept!

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Drag Lake \$1,390,000



One of a kind waterfront acreage! Over 2400 feet of sand and rock shoreline on an exceptional 48 acre parcel - the opportunities are endless!

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Great Starter Home \$119,900



Level lot, over 1/2 acre, in quiet neighbourhood good for children, Bungalow with 2+1 bedrooms and 2 baths on year round municipal road.

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Rare Opportunity \$1,750,000



Custom built 4600 sq ft Soyers Lake estate with unmatched property features, 220' waterfrontage and 20+ acres of privacy, on 5-lake chain.

Deborah Deremo & Andrea Wilson 457-2128

Privacy & Tranquility \$339,900



3 BR on level lot. 275 feet frontage on quiet lake limited to electric motors. Sand beach. Cathedral ceiling, hardwood floors, walkout deck. Pine "Haliburton" room.

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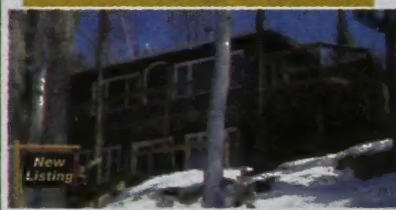
Gulf Lake Showplace



Gorgeous southwest full lake view, custom designed Timberframe Home on 11+ acres & 690' frontage. Includes 4 BR summer guest house.

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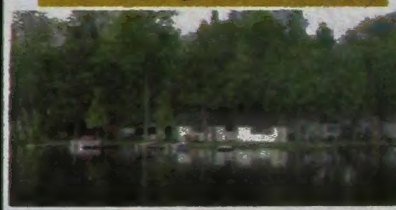
5 Lake Chain \$419,900



Stunning 3 bedroom cottage on Canning Lake situated on over 1 acre of property with a westerly exposure. Over 1,300 ft. of decking, great for entertaining.

Kristin Withey 286-2138

Kashogewagonag \$530,000



Resort or Family Compound located on Haliburton's most popular 5 lake chain. Sunset views, 5 cabins plus residence, level lot, easy year round access.

Anna Moulton 286-2138

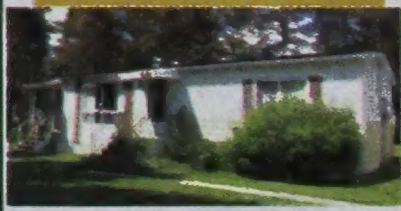
Country Home \$189,900



Renovated 3 BR on almost 6 acre private level lot with beautiful landscaping. 1.5 garage with workshop. Close to Kushog, Halls & Boshkung Lakes.

Andrew Hodgson - 286-2128

Minden Creek \$33,900



Well cared for home has many upgrades/renos in adult only community just 2 min from Minden. Small maintenance fee covers snow removal, garbage pick up, & more.

Dagmar Boettcher - 286-2138

Million Dollar Quality \$499,000



And, it's only half the price! Exceptional lot with large frontage, big lake view, S exp. & beautiful 3 BR cottage, den, 2 baths, fully finished lower level.

Erin Nicholls 457-2128

Boshkung Lake \$375,000



Classic cottage on 170' lot with big lake views down Boshkung Lake. Cottage boasts stone fireplace, cathedral ceilings and much more.

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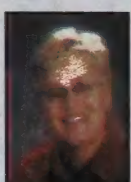
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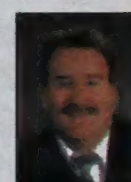
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